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Venango Voice

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Welcome Back Students!

On behalf of the Venango Voice, I would like to welcome back all returning students and extend my welcome to all the new students on campus. I hope this year is even better than the last, and wish everyone the best of luck with their classes. I hope to make the Venango Voice a much more active part of student life this year, and encourage everyone to help contribute and exercise their first amendment rights.

The Campus Activities Board and Student Clubs Need You!

Don't think that all you have to do is show up to class. There is much more to a college education and much more you can learn by participating in some of the clubs and organizations on campus. Club participation is a good way to gain leadership, teamwork and better social skills. Besides that, it is lots of fun. Below is a list of the opportunities you have at Venango Campus.

The Campus Activities Board consists of 5 committees.

Cultural Arts Committee which arranges concerts, theater productions, etc.

Special Events Committee which arranges special entertainment and trips.

Student Union Committee which arranges novelty acts.

Dance Committee which arranges Winter, Spring and other specialty dances.

Publicity Committee is the group that advertises the activities for the other 4 committees.

Each of these committees needs new members each year to have fresh ideas and to help pull them off. Interested students can sign up for any of these committees at Montgomery 232.

You may also be interested in our clubs on campus:

Ski Club
Student PA State Education Association
Nursing Club
Outdoor Club
Business Club
Phi Theta Kappa (by invitation only)
Adult Learners' Organization
Psychology Club
Legal Assistants
Graphic Arts Club - NEW

Please let your interest be known by signing up with the Coordinator of Student Activities, Angel Muschweck, at 232 Montgomery Hall. You will receive a call from a club member to get you started. We look forward to a great year of involvement and fun for all our campus community. Don't be shy. Come join in!

Don't Miss Out on the LSC

The Learning Support Centers provide students with peer tutors and a professional staff that are dedicated to helping students with study skills and subject-related questions. The LSC is located on the third-floor of Montgomery Hall. The LSC includes the Computer Center in 311, the Tutoring Center in 318, and the Writing Center in 319. Students are encouraged to use this excellent resource to do homework, use the computers, receive tutoring, get help with papers, and learn better study skills. The tutors and their hours for the Fall semester will be posted outside the LSC and around campus soon, so keep your eyes open!

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Cooking Lessons

Thursday, September 2, 2004 in Rhoades Center

Get some ideas of good food you can cook in your microwave. Have fun cooking fast and easy recipes with your friends!

Be sure to get your favorite recipe together to send in for our Campus Cookbook. The deadline for entries is October 22. Turn in your recipe in Montgomery 232 up until that date.

Balloon Art

Thursday, September 9 on campus

Have the balloon man make your favorite character or shape. Bring your kids—fun for all!

Spirit Week

September 13-17

Monday - Crazy Hat Day - Prizes for winners

Wednesday - Scavenger Hunt - Prizes for winners

Thursday - Paul Plays it All in the Courtyard
Paul plays every instrument including the kitchen sink. You have to come see him in action!

Kennywood Amusement Park Trip

Saturday, September 11, 2004

The bus leaves the campus early in the morning. Tickets are available in the bookstore beginning Tuesday, September 7. Tickets are priced at \$5 for students and \$7 for faculty and staff. There is limited seating on the bus, so get your ticket early!

Newspaper Staff Needed

The *Venango Voice* is currently looking for students interested in participating in writing and editing positions for the Fall 2004 semester. While all students are welcome to submit articles and other pieces at any time, the newspaper would like to enlist a small staff of students who enjoy writing, proofreading, and attending campus activities in order to better the quality of the publication. These positions are a great idea for English and Communication majors. COMM majors are required to complete one print co-curricular activity within their first four semesters at the University, so this is a great way to fulfill that requirement. Also, participants will find this to be a good way to become more involved in student life on campus.

Interested parties should stop by the *Venango Voice* office at 226 Montgomery Hall, or e-mail Sheena at thevenangovoice@yahoo.com.

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FunDay 2004 and Chapter 9

FunDay 2004 at Venango Campus took place the Saturday before classes started, August 24. While the rain put a damper on the outside games of miniature golf and water-dunking, the inside festivities were a lot of fun. Free food from the Red River Roadhouse in Cranberry and the Pierogie Palace in Oil City were provided to all. Games were provided in the Gym for children of all ages. Members of all the area banks were on the scene and The Citizens' Bank offered a drawing for a DVD player. Congratulations to S. Kyper, the winner of the DVD player.

In the auditorium, the stage was set up for four different bands to perform. Chapter 9 performed at 12:15. This local rock band which formed in December of 2000 is headed by singer C.W. Snyder. Other members of the band include: Joel Balot, lead guitar and back-up vocals; Ty Best, rhythm guitar; Josh Botts, bass and back-up vocals; and Bob Montgomery, trap set. Chapter 9 performed a mix of original songs and cover songs of bands such as Seven Mary Three, Weezer, Tom Petty, Rage Against the Machine, Green Day, and the Rolling Stones. If you're interested in seeing Chapter 9 perform locally and you are 21 or over, they are playing at Billy's Rocks in Oil City on September 18 for their CD release party.

After Chapter 9 played, Latrobe Barnitz delighted students, faculty, and staff with his musical stylings on his guitar. The last events of the day included the jazz band CATRO and the cover-band Southern Nights.

FunDay 2004 was a great way for new students to be introduced to the campus, and for all students to get together. Thanks to all who attended and set-up this fun activity.

CLEP Testing at Venango Campus

The College Level Examination Program here at Venango Campus is a great way for students to receive credit for classes they already know the material for. By earning qualifying scores on any one or more of the 34 CLEP tests, students receive credit for the non-major classes of their choice. While students only receive credit for this, and not a letter grade, the cost is just a fraction of what a normal course would cost at the University. To sign up for a CLEP examination, or to receive more information, contact Hope Lineman ext. 1273 or in her office, 215 Frame Hall.

Below is a list of the CLEP test dates for the 2004-2005 academic year. All test dates are on Fridays, and two test times are available, 8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.:

October 15, 2004; December 12, 2004;
February 18, 2005; April 15, 2005; June 17, 2005;

Good Thinking!

The workshop for nursing students to help enhance test performance is being offered at a reduced price to Venango Campus students. Originally priced at \$49, it's now only \$20. This class is being taught by Melissa Mastorovich of STAT Nursing Consultants. Good Thinking! helps nursing students achieve success on nursing exams by identifying test-taking strengths, weaknesses, strategies, and preparation skills. The workshop is on Friday, September 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To sign up, see Hope Lineman in 215 Frame Hall, or call ext. 1273.

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Phi Theta Kappa Induction

Phi Theta Kappa is having their Informal Induction for the Fall on Monday, September 20 at 4 p.m. in 228 Montgomery Hall.

Eligibility is based on a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or greater for full-time 2-year Associate degree students with a minimum of 12 credit hours, and part-time students in a 2-year Associate degree program with a minimum of

If you feel you meet the above requirements, and have not received an invitation to join PTK, please contact Beth Jackson at ext. 1336, or stop by her office in 305 Montgomery Hall. Interested students may also e-mail Beth at bjackson@clarion.edu.

CAB Spirit Week Events

September 13-17 is Spirit week at Venango Campus. The following are the events for the week:

Sept. 13— Crazy Hat Day
Sept. 15— Scavenger Hunt
Sept. 16— Paul Plays It All

Sports Schedule for Fall 2004

Volleyball, basketball, and aerobics are offered in the Rhoades Gym for the Fall 2004 semester. The schedule is as follows:

Step & Sculpt Aerobics is on Mondays and Wednesdays from September 27 to November 22 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Basketball is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 - 9 p.m.
Volleyball is on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.

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The New Student Apartments at Venango

While entering the campus on West First Street, it's hard to miss the brand-new student apartments across the road. We've been hearing about these apartments for months now, so now let's hear what the residents think of them.

"We like them. They just need a peephole for the door," says resident Corinne Servdio.

"Better than Pitt Bradford!" exclaims resident Lindsay Sims.

"I think it's nice I got my own bathroom," states Rebecca Krusey, another resident of the apartments.

"Ten times better than a dorm," says Beth Young. Josh Richards, the Community Assistant for the student apartments states, "These apartments are immaculate in comparison to any apartment in Oil City."

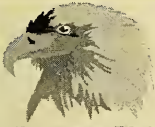
Right now, there are 20 residents in the Student Apartments at Venango campus. However, Emily Aubele, the Director of Student Affairs at Venango Campus, is still taking applications until they are full. That means there are still 11 spaces open. For more information or to apply for residence at the Student Apartments, contact Emily at 219 Montgomery Hall or caubele@clarion.edu.

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Alumni Association Scholarship Applications Available

Applications are now available for Clarion University Alumni Association Scholarships and Leadership Awards. The Alumni Association, through the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., has made \$6,200 in undergraduate scholarships available for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Up to \$3,000 in Leadership Scholarships will be awarded, and the remaining \$3,200 may be awarded as Leadership Awards. At least two of the Leadership Awards are reserved for the children of Clarion University alumni.

The Clarion University Alumni Association Board of Directors will select the scholarship winners and the Leadership Award recipients at its February 2005 meeting, with the scholarships being paid in the form of a tuition credit for the subsequent fall and spring semesters. Interested Scholarship and Leadership Award applicants must complete an application and may be interviewed.

Full-time undergraduate students who have completed at least 30 credit hours at Clarion University prior to the 2005-2006 academic year, and will not be graduating before December of 2005 are eligible to apply.

Application forms and further instructions are available in the Administration Office at Venango as well as at the Haskell House at the Clarion Campus. Completed applications are due at the Haskell House on Wood Street by October 29, 2004.

The evaluation of applicants is based on academic performance, community service, service to Clarion University, letters of recommendation, and financial need.

Learning Support Center Workshops

“Break through and learn something new” with the LSC’s new workshop series. All workshops will be held in 307 Montgomery Hall at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays of each week. The workshops include the following:

September 21—Microsoft Word and APA StyleEase

September 28—Microsoft PowerPoint

October 5—Microsoft Publisher

October 12—Inspiration

Mystery Dinner Theater

Faculty, staff, students and guests are welcome to enjoy an evening of mystery and dinner at the CAB-sponsored Lethal Luau on Friday, September 24, 2004. The event takes place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Rhoades Student Center. Tickets are only \$5 for students and guests, and \$7 for faculty, staff, and their guests. Don’t miss this fun-filled night at the campus!

“Dash for Dollars!”

The Campus Activities Board is also hosting a game show in Rhoades Center. Dash for Dollars will be held on September 27. The game show is a great way for students to win cash to help pay for expenses. For more information, contact Angel Muschweck in 232 Montgomery Hall, ext. 1279.

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Dr. Dunphy's Leadership Workshop

A leadership workshop featuring guest-speaker Dr. Michael Dunphy will be held on October 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. This leadership training event is free and open to all students. Whether you are in Student Senate or have never been in a leadership position before, leadership skills are important. This workshop will help you get the respect of those around you. Dr. Dunphy's program combines timeless principles of leadership rooted in ancient martial arts with modern strategies and tactics from his own leadership experiences as a community and business leader for the past two decades. His "warrior" approach is an unforgettable experience which will have you energized, motivated, and confident with immediately useful skills to help you succeed in campus leadership and beyond.

Dr. Dunphy is a professional speaker, business leader, and veteran educator. He has three college degrees including a Doctorate in biochemistry. Dr. Dunphy has 30 years of advanced martial arts expertise and over 20 years of management and leadership experience.

Students interested in attending the workshop should sign up in the bookstore in Rhoades Center. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible!

Speeding Down the Highway of Life

Agent Elaine Surma and the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office are presenting "Speeding Down the Highway of Life" on September 28 at the Rocky Grove Fire Hall. This presentation will teach students, parents, and professionals all they need to know about methamphetamine. All Venango County and surrounding communities' residents are welcome to participate in this free event. Information tables will be set up at 6:30 p.m. with the main presentation starting at 7 p.m. Other sponsors include UPMC Northwest, Venango County Industry Community Advisory Panel, Rocky Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and WICU TV.

Student Senate Election Reminder

Student Senate Elections for new students will be held September 20-22. Stop by and vote for who you think should have a say in how your money is spent. Elections will be held in Rhoades Hall. For more information about Student Senate, contact Emily Aubele, 222 Montgomery Hall.

The LSC is Now Open Weekends

The Learning Support Center is now open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Remember to use the entrance by the Nursing Department on weekends.

Sign Up for the Venango Campus Talent Show!

Bring your talent to the Venango Campus Talent Show on October 15. Talents are not limited to, but may include dancing, singing, bands, comedy, and more! Prizes will be awarded by CAB! The prize for first place will be \$25, second place will be \$15, and third place will be \$10. This is a great way for students to have some fun while earning a little money to pay for tuition. The Campus Activities Board hopes to see you there!

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Kay King's Hours at Venango Campus

Kay King, counselor at Venango Campus, has posted her Fall 2004 hours. Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. She is here for anyone to speak to, and appointments can be made by stopping by her office at 234 Montgomery Hall. She can also be reached at Clarion Campus on days she is not at Venango Campus. Her office at Clarion is 148 Egbert Hall, ext. 2255.

The Voice Wants YOU!

The *Venango Voice* is still looking for students who are interested in writing for the campus newspaper on a weekly basis as part of the staff. Students should have strong writing and communication skills, including general knowledge of spelling and grammar. Direct all inquiries to 226 Montgomery Hall, or by e-mail to thevenangovoice@yahoo.com.

The *Voice* is also continuously accepting miscellaneous pieces of work from students including poetry, prose, artwork, and opinion articles. Do not be afraid to exercise your constitutional right to freedom of speech and submit your articles to be published at the above e-mail address.

Upcoming CD Releases

9/21: John Fogerty—Déjà Vu All Over Again
9/21: Green Day—American Idiot
9/21: Elvis Costello—The Delivery Man & Il Sogno
9/28: Interpol—Title Antics
9/28: Brian Wilson—Smile
9/28: Joss Stone—Mind, Body and Soul
9/28: Mark Knopfler—Shangri-La
9/28: Mos Def—The New Danger
Late September: Johnny Cash—American 5
10/05: Good Charlotte—The Chronicles of Life & Death
10/12: Nas—Streets Disciple
10/19: Jimmy Eat World—Futures
10/19: Vanessa Carlton—Harmonium
10/26: The Donnas—Gold Medal
10/26: Willie Nelson—It Will Always Be
10/26: Simple Plan—Still Not Getting Any

Enhance Your Skills with New Fall Continuing Education Classes

The Continuing Education Classes at Venango Campus are open to students, faculty, staff, and the community. These classes are a great way to sharpen existing skills or learn new skills. Classes include a variety of topics including classes for personal and professional development.

Several computer classes are being taught this fall. Introduction to Web Page Creation: HTML Code is being offered on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. It begins on September 30 and ends on October 21. Local Area Networks offers instruction on network modeling, analysis, and planning. It's offered on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., from November 6 to November 27. Microsoft Office is also being taught on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. from October 28 through December 16. A new class, Unleash the Power in PowerPoint, is being offered this fall on Tuesday nights, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., November 9 through December 7.

Other new classes this year include two classes on Oil City's heritage and history. Our Ethnic Heritage in the Oil Region is being offered on November 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Also, a Brief History of Oil City, Pa. is being held on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 13 and 20.

Stock Market Trading Online covers market basics and progresses to experienced day trading. This class is being offered on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. from November 1 through December 20.

An 80-hour certificate course in Medical Insurance/Coding/Billing is being offered on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from October 16 to February 5. A Reiki I course is also running on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from November 6 to 27.

For more information on these classes and more, contact Hope Lineman in 215 Frame Hall, ext. 1273.

Voices

Voting in the 2004 Presidential Election

By Sheena Hoover

Did you know that the lowest voter participation in Pennsylvania and the nation has come from the 18-24 age group? While at this campus we have far less of this age group than at the Clarion Campus, it is important for citizens of all ages to vote in the upcoming election on November 2.

Why? There are a million reasons why, some people go blue in the face trying to push them on non-voters. These include that it is an inalienable right given to all United States citizens, it is key to the success of our democracy, it could be your vote that makes a difference, and so on. However, the most important reason you should vote in *this* election is simple. I have heard more people than ever arguing about who should be president: Bush or Kerry? Republican or Democrat? Everyone seems to be fired up about this election.

It seems, many people do not think Bush has been doing a very good job in government. These people will do anything to help get him out of office, including voting for the other candidate without knowing the facts first.

On the other hand, we also have the people who are dead-set on voting for Bush again. These people will argue and argue that the President has not made one single mistake in office. However, we all know that isn't true for every president.

In fact, I find a lot of people don't know what they are getting into when they start arguing about politics. Many of them, including myself, don't know all the facts. So, I think it's very important to our country for everyone to try to keep up with politics as best they can and always vote.

Speaking of voting, if you haven't registered, the last day for you to register is October 4. The law says that students are permitted under state law to register in the locality of the college or university they are attending, as well as at their home residence.

Living in the Student Apartments

By Shawn Bennett

I live in the student apartments, and I think they are very nice. I believe them to be worth every penny.

The apartments include two bathrooms, a washer and dryer, four individual bedrooms with closets, a dining/living area, and a fair-sized kitchen. The cost of the apartments include cable in the living room, DSL Internet, phone access, and all utilities.

The Community Assistant for the apartments is Josh Richards. It is his job to ensure a pleasant stay for residents. Richards makes sure all the rules are followed. He's also able to let you in if you get locked out of your room or apartment. Richards is also the resident's connection to maintenance or other troubles students may have. He can be found either in the library or apartment 101 in Black Hall.

Different people in the apartments have their own rules so they can get along. The rule for my place is, "No dumb stuff." That implies things like no friends over at midnight and stuff like that. I cook most of my food because it is cheaper, and I like to cook. The apartments have ample living space. I like the relaxed atmosphere of being under no one else's orders. In essence, my apartment perfectly fits the title of "apartment" more than it would "dormitory."

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The Venango Voice is produced by:

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The Open House at the New Apartments

On September 16 at 6 p.m., the university held a community-wide open house of the new Venango Campus apartments in the parking lot on West First Street. Those invited to the event included the Clarion University Trustees, members of the Venango Campus Advisory Council, university and student leaders, community leaders, and all faculty, staff, students and the community. The special event was a fun time for all involved, and helped strengthen the university's relationship with the community. The event included live music by Phoenix, free snacks, coffee, punch and free student resident tours of the Elizabeth S. Black Hall and the Edward V. and Jessie L. Peters Hall.

At the event, Executive Dean Christopher Reber stated that the Venango Campus apartments are the start of a new system for the university because they are completely funded by the Clarion University Foundation, Inc. He also said a third apartment building, which will be three floors high, is set to be completed by Fall 2006. The new apartment building will house 24 more students, and funds for the building will be provided by Michael and Joyce Hughes and the Edward V. and Jessie L. Peters Charitable Trust.

President Joseph Grunenwald also spoke briefly at the event and stated that student enrollment is down from previous years at the university. In fact, due to a one percent drop in enrollment, the university as a whole has cut budgets this year. However, Reber stated that growth at Venango Campus has increased eight percent, which sets a record 700-student enrollment.

After official remarks, attendees toured the apartments. In fact, those lucky enough to tour Stephanie Helman and Karin Fink's apartment received homemade cookies to top off the evening. Now that's school spirit!

Paul Plays it All—All Day!

On September 16, the Campus Activities Board presented Paul Order's musical performance in the parking lot by Montgomery Hall. Order's set-up consisted of four keyboards, acoustic, electric, 12-string, and bass guitars, acoustic and electric drums, an alto and tenor saxophone, a harmonica, a melodica, a mandolin, and the kitchen sink shown on the right which, according to Paul, has "acoustically tuned non-stick pots and pans." Paul played a large variety of tunes from artists including John Mellencamp, The Red Hot Chili Peppers and 3 Doors Down. It was a plugged and unplugged performance using state-of-the-art digital equipment for full sound effects. His unplugged routine was performed live on several instruments simultaneously. Students passing by seemed to think Paul's performance was quite humorous. You can find out more about Paul Order at www.paulplaysital.com.



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Announcements

Clarion's Spoken Art Reading Series

Clarion University's English Department will present a spoken art reading series at the Clarion Campus University Art Gallery in Carlson Library in October.

Sherrie Flick, a 2003-2004 Flume Press Fiction Chapbook Prize winner and fiction writer, will be reading some of her work on Thursday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. Flick's *I Call This Flirting* was published by Flume Press in August 2004. Her fiction has been published in many journals, including *North American Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Black Warrior Review*, and *Quarterly West*.

Poet Peter Blair, a professor of English since 1977, has earned a Ph.D. in English and American Literature. He will be reading some of his poetry on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. His first full-length book, *Last Heat*, won the 1999 Washington Prize. Blair's first three chapbooks also won national poetry contests. They included *Furnace Greens* in 1998, *A Round, Fair Distance from the Furnace* in 1993, and *Inside the Trackhoe* in 1991. In 2003, Blair's second full-length collection, *The Divine Salt* was published.

Sherrie Flick resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Peter Blair was born there, and now resides in Charlotte, N.C.

Phi Theta Kappa Blood Drive

PTK is hosting a blood drive on campus next week. The blood drive will be held on Monday, October 4 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Rhoades Hall Gym.

Requirements to give blood are fairly easy for most everyone. Students must only be willing, healthy, weigh over 110 pounds and be 17 years of age or older. Students who have given blood within the last 56 days are not able to give blood again, but are encouraged to give blood at a later date.

A form of identification is now necessary to give blood as well. According to the American Red Cross, this has been instituted to ensure donors are properly identified in records, have not previously been disqualified from donating, and can be reached for further follow-up if needed.

Provost Candidate Visits and Open Forums

Five candidates for provost and academic vice president will be visiting Clarion University for interviews over the next couple of weeks. The position entitles the candidate to serve as the chief academic officer for the university. During each of their visits to Venango Campus on the second day of their interviews, the candidates will be at an open forum from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in 208 Frame Hall.

It is important for faculty, staff, and students to attend in order to provide the candidates with a sense of what goes on here at the campus. It is also a good opportunity to discuss campus issues and questions with the candidates.

While one of the candidates, Dr. Linda Nolan, visited on Friday, the names of the rest of the candidates and the dates of their visits are as follows:

September 28—Dr. John Leipzig
October 5—Dr. Richard Hanson
October 8—Dr. John Mateja
October 12—Dr. Thomas Armstrong

Candidate resumes are available for review in Suhr Library.

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Clarion University's Homecoming

The weekend of October 1- 3 is Homecoming week-end at Clarion University. The Homecoming court was recently announced and includes nine women and nine men who were chosen by students. The court includes Ian Hurbanek, Benjamin Gibbs III, Jenna Angelos, Lauren Abel, Natalie Briscoe, Mark Zmitravich, Justin Dandoy, Stephen Kokan, Chad Horner, Bethany Nola, Lindsay Kevech, Ashlee Noca, Gabrielle Randall, Amanda Blackhurst, Brian Rosano, Jeremy Borkowski, Eric Kalbfleisch, and Ashley Walker.

The court will introduce the Homecoming king and queen at the annual pep rally on September 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Tippin Gym at the Clarion Campus. They will be picked from the six seniors on the court, Amanda Blackhurst, Ashlee Noca, Gabrielle Randall, Benjamin Gibbs III, Chad Horner, and Ian Hurbanek. The pep rally is free and open to the public.

The Homecoming king and queen will ride in the Homecoming parade at noon on October 2. They will also be recognized at the Homecoming football game that same day at 2 p.m.

Clarion's Golden Eagle's host Edinboro in the Homecoming football game at the Memorial Stadium. All students are encouraged to attend this event and show their school spirit!

Applefest and the Autumn Leaf Festival

Clarion University's mid-semester break begins on the morning of October 1 and ends on the morning of October 4. This four-day weekend falls on the last weekend of the Autumn Leaf Festival in Clarion and Applefest in Franklin. ALF and Applefest are both annual fall festivals that offer arts and crafts, food, and entertainment.

Autumn Leaf Festival runs from September 25 through October 3. It has earned several awards over the last few years, including the Grand Pinnacle Gold Award in 2000 which is awarded by the International Festival and Events Association. According

to *The Clarion News*, approximately 5,000 Clarion area volunteers pull together this event to bring over 100,000 visitors to the area. ALF is a combination of food, rides, games, arts and crafts, sidewalk sales, parades, motorcycle shows, cultural nights, concerts, karaoke, fire truck rides, teen dances, and the likes. The event is located on Main Street and Memorial Park in Clarion, Pa.

Applefest kicks off October 1 and runs through October 3. Located in and between Fountain Park and Bandstand Park near the Courthouse in Franklin, this three-day festival hosts over 300 vendors. Applefest includes food, an antique and classic car show, a 5 K race, a Kid's Korner, Farmers' Market, an apple pie baking contest, wagon rides, arts and crafts, bands, the Easter Seals Annual Duck Race, an apple pie eating contest, and much more. The university and Phi Theta Kappa will be hosting one of the booths in the park.

ALF and Applefest are great events offered in Western Pennsylvania. Don't be afraid to take advantage of these events on your four-day weekend.

Leadership Workshop Reminder

Dr. Dunphy's leadership workshop is scheduled October 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. The leadership training event is free and open to all students. Dunphy's program combines timeless principles of leadership rooted in ancient martial arts with modern strategies and tactics from his own leadership experiences as a community and business leader for the past two decades. His "warrior" approach will have you energized, motivated, and confident with immediately-useful skills for success in campus leadership and beyond.

Dunphy is a professional speaker, business leader, and veteran educator. He has 30 years of advanced martial arts expertise and over 20 years of management and leadership experience.

Students interested in attending the workshop should sign up in the bookstore in Rhoades Center. Space is limited, so sign up as soon as possible!

News

Become an Eagle Ambassador

Eagle Ambassadors are a new group of students who help to facilitate events on campus or in the community. It is a great way to get to know people and build relationships. The Ambassadors meet regularly and work with other clubs to make events successful. Clarion campus already has Eagle Ambassadors that help out in the community and on campus, and now the university is bringing this opportunity to Venango.

T.J. Jakubowski, an Eagle Ambassador, recently commented on the new experience of being an Eagle Ambassador. Jakubowski said the experience, so far, is pretty fun and students who are involved get to do many things around campus.

For more information, contact Haley Winter at s_hawinger@clarion.edu or Angie Shontz at s_acshontz@clarion.edu.

Put the Power of PowerPoint to Work

Don't like making presentations? PowerPoint is a way to gain confidence through your presentations. Presented by the Learning Support Center, the PowerPoint workshop is part of the Fall LSC Workshop Series. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 28, at 1 p.m. in 311 Montgomery Hall. This workshop teaches how to create slides with animation, sound, and more.

Watch for details on LSC workshops for Publisher, Web development, and other topics in upcoming weeks.

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Upcoming CAB-Sponsored Events

"Dash for Dollars"

Monday, September 27, at 7 p.m. in Rhoades Center

Participate in a game show that involves students getting the chance to grab money from a cash cube. This is a great way to win some fast and easy money.

"Zapped" Laser Tag

Thursday, October 7, from noon to 6 p.m. in Rhoades Center

Get a group together and come have a blast getting "zapped." Students last year didn't want to leave!

Bonfire and Buffalo Soldiers Night

Saturday, October 9, at 7 p.m. at Rhoades Center

Don't miss this exciting night at the campus! There will be a bonfire to cook hotdogs and marshmallows on, as well as entertainment by the Buffalo Soldiers from Vision Quest.

*The above CAB-sponsored events are free to students and guests. You may bring friends and family to enjoy the activities that your activity fee pays for.

College Media Day VIII

The Clarion Campus is hosting its eighth College Media Day on October 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Media Day is being held in the Gemmell Student Complex and is free to all students. Keynote speakers include Larry Richert, host of the KDKA Radio Morning Show; and Rose M. Gabbianelli, senior vice president of corporate affairs for Mellon Financial Corporation. Presenters include Kevin Smith, sports editor for the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*; Kevin Z. Smith, communication professor at Fairmont State University; and Dan O'Donnell, news director for WGAL-TV News. The event is sponsored by Clarion University, *The Clarion Call* and the Society for Collegiate Journalists, Clarion chapter. For more information and the schedule of events, visit www.clarion.edu/cmd.

Venango Voice



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Meet the Venango Voice Staff!

Sheena Hoover, Editor

I am a communication major with a minor in business administration. I was part of the *Voice* last year as the assistant editor for part of my co-curricular requirement for my major. I have always enjoyed writing, and I especially enjoy music, so you may find I prefer to write about music if I have that option. I am a sophomore, and I am currently taking classes at the Venango and Clarion campuses. I currently reside in Cranberry.

I hope to make this year even better than last year for the *Voice*—and more importantly, have some fun with it!

Shawn Bennett, Staff Writer

I am a local, traditional student from Rocky Grove. I am here at Venango to get an associate degree in applied technology in the technical field of computer information systems. I like to play video games and the guitar. Some might say I am a geek. I listen to rock music, and I hate country (not just the music, but the whole country lifestyle). I am still fresh to the whole college experience, but I like the atmosphere. I hope to meet new people and make new friends with this experience. I'll enjoy writing for you this semester.

Jessica Anna, Staff Writer

I am a junior working on my Bachelor of Communication. I attended Venango Campus for three years, and I am now starting my first year of commuting to the Clarion Campus. I am writing for the *Voice* in order to fulfill my co-curricular requirement for my major. I have not yet decided on what career path I would like to take when I graduate. Since I am in Clarion three days a week, one of my responsibilities will be to keep Venango informed of major events in Clarion. I look forward to writing for you in the *Voice* this semester.

Broock Winger, Staff Writer

I am pleased and excited to announce that I am a new member of the *Venango Voice*. My name is Broock Winger, and I am a 2004 graduate of Oil City High School. Currently, I am attending the Venango Campus fulltime and majoring in communication. I hope, throughout the semester my articles are informative and pleasurable for you to read. Writing is something I enjoy doing, and I would like to share it with everyone. Thanks for reading!

LSC Workshop Series Reminder

Microsoft Publisher—October 5

Inspiration—October 12

All workshops are offered at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays in 311 Montgomery Hall. Workshops are free and open to all interested students.

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News

Psychology Club to Hold First Meeting

Psychology Club will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, October 5, at 12:30 p.m. in the CAB room, 228 Montgomery. The club will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Anyone with an interest in psychology is welcome to join the club or just attend the first meeting to see what it's about. During the meeting, plans will be made for guest speakers, community work, fundraisers and a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the annual conference of the American Psychological Association. For more information, contact Dr. Carie Forden, 306 Montgomery Hall, ext.1334, or cforden@clarion.edu.

ALO Pie Sale

The Adult Learner's Organization is doing a fundraiser to collect money for this year's events. ALO members are selling 20 different pie varieties and pumpkin rolls. They will be on sale until October 26. Members who are selling pies can be identified by their yellow and blue ribbons. You can also stop by 322 Montgomery Hall to pick up an order form, put on a ribbon, and begin taking orders.

Pies will be delivered on November 16—just in time for the beginning of the holiday break! For more information, see Darlene in 322 Montgomery.

Lethal Luau Review

By Shawn Bennett

I participated in the "Lethal Luau" on September 27. The food was great, and most dishes included pineapples. The mystery at first was "where are the actors/actresses?" The crew got lost on the way to the campus, but they made it on time. The murder happened before everyone showed up. When the show started, people were introduced and assigned to mingle. Everyone's job was to attempt to get clues from these people by questioning them or by completing a special task. Darlene Hartman sang "Surfer Girl" by the Beach Boys. After collecting the clues, there was a question and answer session between participants and suspects. Participants then had to get more clues to figure out the killer and motive. It turned out that "Bodacious-Joe," a professional surfer, murdered Detective Chase, and his motive was self-preservation. The prize for figuring out who and why was two free tickets to this year's winter dance.

UAB Changes CampusFest This Year

By Jessica Anna

The Clarion Campus University Activities Board is changing the organization of CampusFest 2005. In the past, CampusFest had activities on two days. One day was a concert with three performers of different genres, and the other day was a comedian.

Assistant director of Campus Life Jamie Bero said they are considering making CampusFest a four-day event, due to losses on last year's rainy event. Music would be on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with a different genre each day. Genres would include rock, country, and urban. A comedian would then be set to perform on Sunday.

Ryan Whitney, chair of the CampusFest committee said, "My ideal plan is to do at least two bands per night: a local band, maybe a medium band, and then our opening national act."

It was believed there may not be a CampusFest this year due to last year's losses. However, CampusFest is able to continue due to a budget increase allowed by Clarion's Student Senate. This increase was covered by a \$20 increase in the activity fee from \$116 to \$136.

The New UPMC Hospital

By Shawn Bennett

The new University of Pittsburgh Medical Center hospital in Cranberry was recently dedicated. The Franklin and Oil City hospitals will now be closed and replaced with this newer, more advanced building in Cranberry Township, right off of Route 257. The new UPMC Northwest is the result of a 1993 lawsuit that stated that the Oil City hospital and community and the Franklin hospital and its community ran against each other. The settlement in the lawsuit was easy, a new state-of-the-art hospital near Franklin and Oil City. However, the settlement stated that this new hospital must be outside of both cities, and, soon after, the spot in Cranberry Township was picked for construction.

The new hospital will have heated sidewalks to keep ice from accumulating and a newer security system that will prevent kidnapping. The hospital will be fully functional October 8.

Get Involved on Campus!

Now that you know your classes, professors and have made some friends, it is time to see what Venango Campus has to offer you in the way of involvement. College is more than the classroom experience. It is, many times, the “other stuff” that has a way of shaping your lifelong path.

The Campus Activities Board has five committees that are not well staffed at this time. It would be great to have some new freshman blood to get these committees alive again and to get more students participating in the provided activities. In the spring, these committee members get to go on a retreat and plan all the great events to offer for the next academic year.

There are a number of clubs on campus that could use help to come alive again. The Outdoor Club, whose members used to do bike rides, canoeing, camping, etc., has had no action thus far this semester. There is also a Ski Club you need to get involved in now so you can participate in skiing in the winter. The advisor for both of these clubs is Dr. David Lott. You can contact him here on campus at dlott@clarion.edu, or by coming to 232 Montgomery and signing the “Interested in Clubs” sheet on the door. We also have a Business Club, Nursing Club, Adult Learners Organization, Student PA State Education Association, Psychology Club, and Legal Assistants Club. Please get involved and let your skills outside the classroom develop. Involvement in clubs and organizations is the icing on the cake of your college experience. Come and enjoy the journey.

If you are interested in any club or organization, you can e-mail the activities coordinator at cmusch-week@clarion.edu, or call ext. 1279.

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The Return of 20 Questions!

Last year, we interviewed professors and staff on campus and published the answers to the 20 questions in the *Voice*. This year, we are going to start over again and include some of the new and returning professors and staff. To make it interesting, we are throwing out the old questions and asking for help from you—our readers—to make some new ones. If you have ever wanted to learn more about your professors, put them on the spot, or have a really good question, e-mail your questions to thevenango-voice@yahoo.com.

MTV's ‘Rock the Vote’ and Real World's Syrus to Visit the Campus

Venango Campus presents MTV's “Rock the Vote” featuring Syrus Yarbrough of the Real World, Boston.

This entertaining event will take place in Rhoades Center on Tuesday, October 12, at noon. “Rock the Vote” will consist of an interactive presentation about the importance of your vote in the upcoming election and the critical issues on the table this election year. Yarbrough will also be available after the presentation to answer questions and interact with program participants.

This event is open to the public, so feel free to bring as many friends as possible!

For information, contact Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu, Matt Folwell at s_mjfolwell@clarion.edu, or Kasey McClintock at s_klmclinto@clarion.edu.

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Voices

From the Editor's Desk: A Message To Our Readers

I was recently starting to clean out the *Voice* office, when I came across the first issue Dave Jones took over as editor last year. In the editor's article he wrote, he asked for participation from all students on campus, and I kept thinking to myself how much he was right and that I should write an article like that to our current readers. However, the more I read, I realized I could not possibly say it any better than Dave did, so I'm recreating his article for everyone to read. I cannot stress enough how important **your** contributions are to keeping the *Voice* alive and kicking.

The following excerpt was written by David P. Jones upon his new position last year as editor.

"....One of the first things I did upon assuming the new mantle of leadership was flip through a binder of old *Voices*. I chuckled as I typed the word "leadership" by the way, because as of this publication, I happen to be "an army of one" to use the phrase. At any rate, the first thing I noticed was how dramatically different today's *Voice* looks from its predecessors.

It seems in the past, the *Voice* was a thriving weekly periodical that relied on the contributions of its students for the vast majority of its material. I discovered issues as long as six pages, and positively crammed with reader-contributed articles. Submissions ran the gamut from poetry to drawings to essays to rants. Debate filled the pages as students wrote letters to the editor concerning issues of the time.

Clarion University-Venango is a busy, thriving place. Enrollment keeps growing and technology is improving. I challenge you, the reader of this publication, to share it with your compatriots. It is, after all, the *Voice*, not the *Silence*. It is your vehicle for self expression, communication, and procurement of information."

Please take into consideration what Dave was saying last year. It was his wish then, as it is mine, to make this publication a joint effort between our staff, myself, and all the students of Venango Campus. Don't be afraid to be heard.

The Venango Voice—Your Voice

From the Editor's Desk

By Sheena M. Hoover

A couple weeks ago, there were some priests or pastors handing out mini bibles outside on the sidewalk in front of Montgomery Hall. For the second year in a row, they offered me a free bible and I, knowing full well exactly what they would think, said "no, thanks." Now, before you place judgment on me, let me tell you I am not a Satan worshiper or an atheist. However, I think it is my right to say no if I don't want it. I do not see why I should have to be confronted with this when I'm going to class. In fact, I really do not like to be put on the spot about religion. Not taking a bible made me feel like I was sinning, but to me, trying to confront people with bibles and make them feel bad for saying they don't want one is really trying to sell Christianity and, to me, that *is* a sin. I know there are some people on campus who are atheists, or who are just like me and don't need a bible, who are somewhat offended by these confrontations.

I got to thinking about it, and at first I didn't see it as being any different than the representative who was here from Reese Teleservices trying to recruit workers or the lady that was here trying to get people to register to vote, until I realized those topics aren't as controversial as religion. We usually know in advance when these other people are going to be on campus so, if we want to, we can avoid them. My point is that it made me uncomfortable and I'm sure some people have the same opinion as I do. On the other hand, I'm sure other people don't mind it and think it's a nice thing to do. However, I just think it's a lot different when you are confronted by someone trying to get you a job or register you to vote than trying to push a bible on you.

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Venango Campus Child Care Center Opens

The Oil City Area YMCA and Clarion University-Venango Campus have collaborated to open the Younger Days Child Care and Preschool Center in Montgomery Hall.

The state-licensed center will be operated by the YMCA and is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center can accommodate infants as young as six weeks of age, as well as children up to the age of 12.

In addition to child care, the new center will offer preschool and after school programs. Breakfast, morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. The center is currently accepting children of students and staff of Venango Campus, as well as Oil City Area children.

An open house will be held Thursday, October 14 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the new center in Montgomery Hall. Students, staff and community residents are welcome to tour the facility and meet the Younger Days Center staff.

YMCA Child Care is affordable to members of the community, and those who cannot afford it are given financial assistance when possible. Additional assistance may be available through Child Care Information Services at 814-437-1906.

Laura Ongley is the YMCA Younger Days Center coordinator. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

For more information, contact the YMCA Younger Days Center at Venango Campus 676-6591, extension 1299.

College Media Day VIII Reminder

Clarion Campus is hosting their eighth College Media Day on October 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Media Day will be held in Gemmell Student Complex

and is free to all students. A Media Fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Gemmell Multi-purpose room. Representatives from various media organizations will be on hand to answer questions and distribute materials.

Registration for Media Day Keynote Speaker Sessions and Roundtables is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Keynote speakers include Rose M. Gabbianelli, senior vice president of corporate affairs for Mellon Financial Corporation at 9 a.m. and Larry Richert, host of *KDKA Radio Morning Show*, at 1 p.m.

The first roundtable session, "Press Releases: What's In? What's Out?" is from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 246. Participants include Rose Gabbianelli, Nick Hoffman, managing editor of *The Courier-Express* and *Tri-County Sunday*; Pam Hoffman, Lifestyles editor for *The Clarion News*; Lori Niesen, Clarion instructor and director of *Lorranie Consulting*; and Ron Wilshire, assistant vice president for student and university relations.

Following this session, Kevin Smith, sports editor for the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, will present "Sports: Outside the Story" in Room 250. Following this session, Kevin Z. Smith, communication professor at Fairmont State University; will present "A Realistic Application and Expectation of Ethics in Collegiate Journalism" in Room 252.

After an 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. lunch break, the second roundtable session, "News Gathering in the Information Age" begins at 2:30 p.m. in Room 246.

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Participants include Brendan Anderer, producer of NBC Weekend TODAY; P.J. Kumanchik, assistant program director/executive producer of KDKA Radio; Jeff Levkulich, weekend anchor and reporter at WYTV; Val Porter, news director at WDVE Pittsburgh; Joe Watson, former TV reporter and executive producer and managing editor; and William Adams, assistant professor at Clarion and advisor of *WCUC Radio* and *CUB-TV-5*.

The second part of this session will be an admissions presentation and highlight tour in Room 248. This will be followed by the third part, called "Serving the Public: Political Communication in Action" in Room 250. Participants in this roundtable include Jennifer Brubaker, former assistant press secretary to the mayor of Cleveland; Pat Kennedy, associate professor at Clarion; Barry Sweet, associate professor at Clarion; and Kevan Yenerall, associate professor at Clarion.

Clarion Media Day is sponsored by Clarion University, *The Clarion Call* and The Society for Collegiate Journalists, Clarion. For more information on this event, go to www.clarion.edu/cmd.

LSC Open House

The Learning Support Centers are holding a two-day open house from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 12 and 13. The Open House will be located in the LSC room, 318B Montgomery Hall. Cookies, treats, and refreshments will be available, as well as door prizes! Last year's open houses were a lot of fun for all students, so don't forget to stop by and get a bite to eat. It's on us!

MTV's 'Rock the Vote' on Campus!

Please remember to attend MTV's 'Rock the Vote' featuring Syrus Yarbrough of The Real World. The event takes place at noon on October 12 in Rhoades Center. The event includes an interactive presentation about the importance of your vote in the upcoming election and the issues on the table this year. Syrus will also be available after the presentation to answer questions and interact with students.

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The New Student Senate Members

Congratulations to Stephanie Helman, Rebecca Krusey, Samantha Kyper and Rebecca Wojtowicz who were the freshman elected to the Student Senate this year. Student Senate members this year include: Angela Shontz, president; Matthew Folwell, vice president; Rebecca Wojtowicz, treasurer; Stephanie Helman, secretary; Pat Stewart, Samantha Kyper, Rebecca Krusey, Peggy Lee, and Scott Greene.

Student Senate meetings are held from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. every Monday and are open to all students. Meetings are held in 228 Montgomery Hall.

Campus Events Reminder

The CAB-sponsored Student Talent Show will be held on October 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Rhoades Center. CAB will award cash prizes to the first-, second-, and third-place winners.

Anyone wishing to submit their recipes to the CAB cookbook should send them to Scott Greene, 222 Montgomery Hall, by October 22.

PTK is hosting a Halloween Party/Food Drive in Rhoades Center on October 23 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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It's Going to Blow!

By Jessica Anna

Scientists warn Mount St. Helens is going to erupt for the first time since May 18, 1980. Steam can be seen billowing out of the volcano.

Mount St. Helens National Monument, out of Washington state, reported, "A burst of ash and steam on Friday was followed Saturday by a smaller plume of steam and a volcanic tremor. A smaller extended volcanic vibration was detected Sunday."

Scientists believe hot rocks touching a glacier is causing the steam. Another indication the volcano is going to erupt is that the lava dome is rising. Carolyn Driedger, a hydrologist, says many think there is fresh magma in the mountain. *The Derrick* reports that Jeff Wynn, chief scientist for volcano hazards says, "we believe new magma is involved. And new magma is potentially more gas rich and therefore more explosive."

Texas Holdem Poker

By Jessica Anna

There is a new craze hitting the country: Texas Holdem poker.

Since the "World Series of Poker" has gained viewers on television, more and more people are playing. From high schools, to colleges, to co-workers—everyone is getting in on the action.

Texas Holdem poker is a relatively simple game to play. The dealer gives everyone two cards. You can decide if you want to fold (end your turn) or you can put in a bet and continue to play. The dealer then shows you three more cards. This is the beginning of the community cards. You can match the cards you have with the community cards to improve your hand. After you see the three cards, you can bet or fold. The dealer then shows you another card. This goes on one more time. After five cards are in the community pile and the betting is completed, it is time to show your cards. The person with the best hand wins.

For a complete listing of the rules, check www.homepoker.com. Just remember, you have to know when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em.

How Scary is AIDS Today?

by Jessica Anna

What's scarier than meeting Freddy Krueger on Halloween? According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, many people with HIV don't even know they have it.

In the article *Common Sense About AIDS*, presented by the American Health Consultants, "with more than 200,000 cases of AIDS reported and an additional one million people believed to be infected in the United States alone, health officials predict that everyone will eventually know someone who is infected with AIDS."

If everyone knows someone with AIDS, and many people don't even know they have it, it is important to know how you can and can not get this incurable disease.

"AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV," reports the Pa. Department of Health. They state you can't get AIDS from eating or drinking after someone who is infected, nor can you be infected from shaking hands or hugging. American Health Consultants say you can't get it from "sweat, tears, urine, or excrement, unless those substances contain blood."

You can get AIDS from "vaginal, oral, or anal sex" and "when sharing needles to shoot drugs, pierce body parts, make tattoos, or for any other reason" according to the Pa. Department of Health. It is important to know how to protect yourself. Always use a condom and use it properly. If you do shoot drugs, don't use dirty needles.

For more information, contact the National HIV and AIDS Information Service at 1-800-342-2437, or visit the local Family Health Council in Seneca.

Psychology Club First Meeting Change

In the last issue, the wrong meeting dates were listed for Psychology Club this year. The meetings should be at 12:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The first meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, in 228 Montgomery Hall.

Voices

Being Picked Last

By Shawn Bennett

I'm always—never picked first. I'm usually never picked somewhere in the middle. I am, more often than not, picked last. It is not a good thing to watch as your friends are all picked before you. It feels worse when your friend picks someone they know less than you just to win. This bad feeling comes from a human need to be involved. If you are picked last, you feel like there is less of a need, or even no need, for you at all.

Keep in mind that I am not a psychology major or anything. I am one of those people who likes to be involved. My graduation testimony: I was sitting there with the rest of the Rocky Grove class of 2004. The class government sat in the front with their sashes or whatever they are called. I sat in the second row on the end. Each person on student government got to give a speech. Everyone who got honor roll got a special applause. I missed that by one grade—grrr. Someone who excelled in a certain class got a pin. Everybody who did any extracurricular activity got to stand and take a bow. I did nothing, so I got nothing because I thought I did not need to be involved. Because of that, my graduation was ruined. I felt terrible. I felt like you would when you turn down the chance to go to a friend's house. You see them in class on Monday and they tell you about this awesome party you missed because you turned down a visit over the weekend. Whether or not you like it, I feel no person should be without involvement. That's why I decided to run for student senate, and become a member of CAB and be a newspaper staff writer. That, and I think school newspapers rule!

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“From the Editor’s Desk”— October 4 Response

By Dr. Joan Huber

I've been seeing the Gideon Bible reps all my teaching life, and they are NEVER pushy. We're perfectly free to walk by them and they say nothing to us, always. But depressed people have many times told of being saved from suicide by finding one of those Gideon Bibles beside a hotel bed. I've even cribbed a few last-minute quotes for presentations: Biblical references abound in English and American literature.

And what's so bad about religion? They all tell us to be good to our neighbors and to pray: a great de-stressor that medicine's now looking into. Some religions even ask us to develop our God-given abilities, which might entail a course in logic. To mistake the part—those who act pushy and intolerant in the name of religion—for the whole—that includes the numberless believers who share only when asked—is to commit not a sin, but a logical fallacy.

From the Editor's Desk

Religion isn't exactly my best subject to talk about. I previously stated I am not an atheist—however, I don't like being confronted with Christianity while on my way to attending classes. Therefore, maybe I wasn't the best candidate to write an article on religion. My point in doing so was to start some debate on the subject and get a response. In this mission, I did succeed, as I received the most comments yet this year. However, I was hoping to get more responses and articles from readers—hint-hint.

In response to Dr. Huber's article, I believe she is entitled to her opinion, and I agree those little bibles may be capable of saving lives—and that is a very good thing. However, I was informed the Gideons were only supposed to lay the bibles out for students to take if they wanted.

I, and the key word is I, believe religion is, if not controversial, at least a touchy issue. If it were not, why would people go to war over their religion?





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MTV's 'Rock the Vote' at Venango

By Jessica Anna

MTV's "Rock the Vote" came to Clarion University-Venango Campus Tuesday, October 12 at noon. For the event, Syrus Yarbrough from the Real World-Boston was on hand to speak.

Syrus spent a few hours in Rhoades Auditorium talking to a small group of students and faculty.

The presentation was an open forum that encouraged discussion. Syrus said an "open forum is where we learn".

Discussions were on a variety of different issues. The reimplementation of the draft was discussed, as was military personnel, felony voting, the Supreme Court, abortion, the education system, and many other topics.

Syrus said he felt the draft is "going to be a reality for us." He says the military focuses on the "have not's" during recruitment. He stated he thinks the education system needs help. When talking about abortion, he asked the women, "Are you gonna let a man tell you what to do?"

When asked what topics he was passionate about, he said military voting, war and the education system as examples of things that affect his life. He said his brother was charged with a felony and his right to vote was taken away.

Syrus said he has been going back and forth between candidates. His reason for speaking out with MTV's 'Rock the Vote' is to encourage people to be educated voters. He stated several times that we need to learn about topics that make a difference to us and we need to check the facts.

Syrus encouraged us to be active by saying, "You can't complain if you don't vote!" He gave all the students who attended a little "food for thought." Syrus also said he feels the most important part of his job is to let people know it is okay to be opinionated. "You have a voice, make sure it's heard."

While a representative from the Democrat Party came to the event, no representative of the Republi-

Party attended, even though they were invited. When asked about the matter, Syrus said it happens more than 50 percent of the time.

Overall, it was an interesting and informational forum for all the students who did attend.

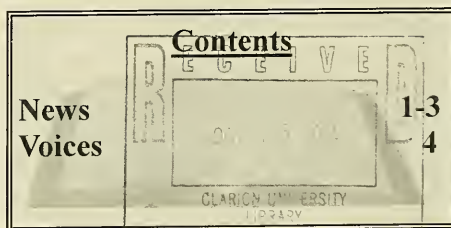
What's Psychology Club All About?

By: Kristen Padalino

During Summer 2004, the Psychology Club at Venango Campus attended the American Psychological Association conference in Honolulu, Hawaii. We had a chance to listen to the latest research being presented, as well as to hear Albert Bandura speak about his latest program on modeling behavior. We enjoyed a day-long tour of the island of Oahu, attended a luau, and experienced Hawaii's wonderful food, entertainment and weather. In August, Psychology Club will be attending the APA conference in Washington, D.C.

Psychology Club stays active by sponsoring guest speakers, taking a trip to the Clarion Campus to meet fellow psychology faculty and students, holding a Christmas community service gift drive, a candy sale, and many other activities each semester.

We welcome students of all majors who are interested in planning for the upcoming trip and organizing activities for the semester to join us for a meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26 in Montgomery Hall. Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Carrie Forden, 306 Montgomery Hall or club president, Kristen Padalino at s_klpadalino@clarion.edu.



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Lazer Tag Review

By Shawn Bennett

Last week, the Campus Activities Board held a laser tag event in Rhoades Gymnasium. I participated as soon as I got out of class. For those who have never played laser tag, the set-up is simple—there are obstacles and it is dark with spotlights. You are given a gun attached to a pack you wear around your waist. If you get shot you have to go to a specific location to be put back in the game. The object of the game is to shoot as many people as you can. The time limit for the laser tag here on campus was five minutes. The two people who supplied and set-up the equipment played a couple of rounds with everyone.

I think it was very enjoyable. Except the part where Matt Folwell was not playing fair, but it was all in good fun.

If you weren't there and you complain about there being nothing to do here on campus, you have no one to blame but yourself.

Announcing the Fall Billiards Tournament

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Baseball MVP Dies at Age 41

By Jessica Anna

Ken Caminiti, a 1996 National League Baseball MVP, died in the Bronx of a heart attack on October 10. The medical examiner's office did not rule on the death because toxicology test results take up to 10 days to be returned.

Caminiti played for 15 years, ending in 2001. He was a three-time all-star third baseman and led the San Diego Padres to a division title.

Before his death, Caminiti admitted he had violated his probation because of cocaine use. He was on probation because of a 2001 cocaine arrest.

In May 2002, Caminiti told *Sports Illustrated* he used steroids during his MVP year.

PTK Annual Halloween Party

Phi Theta Kappa is holding their annual Halloween party for children 12 and under on Saturday, October 23, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Rhoades Center. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend and bring their families. During the party there will be many games and awesome crafts. Come out and enjoy the day! Sign up in the bookstore or with Beth Jackson, ext. 1336. The only requirement is to bring a non-perishable food item for the food drive.

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Cranberry Development is Advancing

Ever since Wal-Mart came to the area, Cranberry has been booming. With the coming of Staples, McDonald's, Busy Beaver, and finally, the new UPMC hospital, Cranberry has become the place for new businesses in the area.

With all the new businesses so far, it's always interesting to hear of more. According to *The Derrick* newspaper, a hotel, restaurant, and other businesses are planning to become part of this boom in Cranberry.

The owners of the Quality Inn and Conference Center, formerly the Inn at Franklin, are purchasing a 33-acre plot along Route 257. This property, located behind Lezzer Lumber near the Cranberry Mall, will feature a 60- to 80-room franchised hotel. Richard Huff, real estate broker and administrative director for MBGG Hotels Inc., stated the building will be designed to accept 40 to 50 additional rooms in the future. Adjacent to the hotel, a 24-hour nationally recognized franchise family-style restaurant is in development.

The remaining land being bought may include a drugstore, a branch bank and possibly some condominiums on the property.

Other growth in the area includes the work continuing on the \$6.3 million project of constructing a Home Depot off Route 322 near Staples. The Home Depot is expected to open in mid-December and will staff 12 to 150 full-time and part-time employees.

More construction is planned for the \$72 million UPMC Northwest Hospital and attached Behavioral Health Center, including a building to house a rehabilitation unit and a transitional care center, as well as another building for a child care center.

JRA Development of Pittsburgh is bringing in more tenants to the new strip mall near Route 322 between McDonald's and Busy Beaver. Currently the two businesses in the strip mall are the Social Security regional office and Bear's Mattress Den. Joining these tenants will be organic food seller God's Little Garden, the Check 'n Go cash advance service, Tony's Pizza Shop, and a Chinese gourmet buffet.

In addition, JRA is also considering construction of single-family homes, duplexes and townhouses near Route 322. They are also allowing for another strip mall in front of the Home Depot on Route 322.

Empowering Students to Impact the World

The Western Pennsylvania Christian Orators Speech Club is sponsoring an exposé of speech to take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on October 30. A talented group of junior and senior high school students from the Western Pennsylvania Christian Orators Speech and Debate Club will educate, persuade, and entertain you with a variety of their best speech selections. Seating is limited, so reserve your tickets early. The presentation will take place in Rhoades Auditorium and refreshments will be provided following the program. Tickets for the event are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

For information or to purchase tickets, contact Debbie Hebda at hebfam@usachoice.net or 677-8403, or Kim Morris at s_kmorris@clarion.edu or 814-589-7505.

Radiological Science Breakfast

All radiological science students, faculty, advisors and representatives from clinical agencies are invited to a breakfast presentation from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, November 12. The breakfast will be held in 101 Montgomery Hall and will cover topics on radiological science. These topics include program description, admission requirements, clinical site application procedures, and the student selection process.

Joining the breakfast will be program directors/clinical coordinators from UPMC Northwest, Armstrong County Memorial Hospital, Sharon Regional Health System, and UPMC Presbyterian.

Questions? Call 877-836-2646 or ext. 1252.

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From the Editor's Desk

By Sheena Hoover

After educating myself a little from watching the presidential debates the past several weeks, I have to say Senator John Kerry is quite convincing. In the second debate, Kerry made everything sound so simple, it was hard, even for me, not to believe the words coming out of his mouth. However, both President George W. Bush and Senator Kerry avoided the question of how they were going to get the money to fund so many things, as well as lessen the deficit. *This* is really the most important thing.

While Kerry plans to raise taxes for those making over \$200,000 to account for some of this money, this is only one percent of the population. With all of his ideas and causes he wants to give money to while decreasing the deficit by 50 percent within four years, I really wouldn't put it past him to raise our taxes, as well. Also, while raising one percent of the taxes for the rich may seem fair to those in the middle and lower class, eventually this encourages people to slack off to some extent—so how is that helping us if we become less productive as a nation?

According to Kerry, he wants to do everything concerning Iraq just a little differently than Bush. However, his main goal is to recreate strong alliances and blame Bush for going ahead with the war on terror and going into Iraq without the support of all our alliances and the U.N.

My main problem with Kerry's stand is we tried to keep our alliances, but they did not agree over Iraq. I, personally, feel we did just about everything we could do before going to war, and we tried our hardest to gain support from our alliances and the U.N. repeatedly and for way too long. However, our patience on the matter and the fact that we kept delaying war was necessary to try to prevent using military force.

The point is stated better by State Senator Mary Jo White (R) from District 21, who said, "Mr. Kerry seems to have a great deal of confidence in diplomacy and the United Nations, but I think the U.N. has shown itself as incapable, and we do have allies...We all don't like to use force but there are times when it is necessary."

These are just a few of my thoughts on the matter. Please feel free to submit your ideas on the subject.

The Victim is the Peacemaker

By: Shawn Bennett

Over the weekend, I had the inspiration to write. Unfortunately, I was at work and I had already taken my break, so I had to wait until I got here to put it in the paper. I actually found my muse and was inspired to write due to an occurrence that happened at work.

I work at the local Burger King—no not the one that just closed in Cranberry. One day, one of the cooks decided to have some fun to enjoy his night at work. Just to be silly, he yelled "Fish Market!" and tossed a large bag of French fries across the kitchen to his friend who yelled and caught it. Before that, they had fun playing "Fish Market" on other occasions as well. But, this day was different. This day, they decided to play with a bag of chicken tenders. One of them yelled, "Fish Market!" and the bag was thrown and caught an appliance and fell into the 350 degree oil and splashed a cashier. The oil hit her contact lenses and her face, but most of it landed on her arm. The oil was discarded and the two were scolded. The reason they were not written up is because the cashier who was splashed talked to the boss and calmed her down. I think she was minimizing the seriousness of the issue, but, nevertheless, she was determined to keep everyone from wiggling out.

You would think that, being the victim, the cashier would be the most upset/panicked/scared. That's not how it was, the cashier was the calmest.

It was inspiring that someone who experienced that much danger could be calmer than everyone else.



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Happy Halloween!

LSC Open House Winners

The Learning Support Center Open House winners are listed below. Congratulations to Lou Adelson, the professor who sent the most students to the Open House.

The following students won a magnet and pen: Ron Himes, Peggy Lee, Brenda Sturtz, Allison Bell, Pat Stewart, Jennifer Smith, Andy King, Kathy Clark, Shannon Schell, Anna Platt, and Matt Folwell.

The following students won a stress ball and pen: Laura Holben, Joana Axenie, Kelly Charlier, and Jennifer Beatty.

The following students won specific prizes for attending the open house: Laurie Ditz, mouse pad; Brett Morris, license plate; Doug Bussell, mug; McMurdy, mug; Stephanie Ferry, cap; Kerry Schroeder, lanyard; Shawn Bennett, shirt; June Klawuhn-Whitmer, headband; Angie Shontz, address book and pen; Tammy Flick, keychain and pen; Karry Moiseenko, swish ornament; and Ladona Strouse, swish ornament.

All winners should pick up their prizes in 318B Montgomery Hall if they have not done so already. Congratulations to all the winners!

Psychology Club Meeting Reminder

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Student Senate Update

By Shawn Bennett

This is the Student Senate meeting update for October 18. First, say hello to your new student senator, Haley Winger!

There are several events scheduled for students. On November 9, there will be an informal hangout with the dean from noon to 1 p.m. in the Rhoades Lounge. During this meeting, students can chat, discuss issues, or just tell him what a great job he is doing.

The "designated smoking location rule" issue is also being looked into and Student Senate members could use suggestions on a compromise. Send them an e-mail or chat with them yourself. A forum to discuss this matter being planned.

If you have issues about anything in general, there will be a town meeting, attended by Student Senate, in Rhoades Lounge on November 8 from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. This is a good opportunity for students to discuss any issues of concern.

Peggy Lee is going to perform a survey about the "common hour," which is class-free hour available every week for clubs and organizations to meet. Do you think it is a good idea, and is it worth it?

Other matters that were discussed at this meeting are the stairwell for residents, the uniprint policy, and Student Senate office hours.

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Rookie Quarterback Moving up the Ranks

By Jessica A. Anna

Twenty-two-year-old, Ben Roethlisberger, was the Steelers' fourth-string quarterback. On September 19, starting QB Tommy Maddox was injured, giving Roethlisberger a chance to play.

Roethlisberger has won every game since. He is ranked second in the AFC passer rating. Seventy-eight of 113 passing attempts were completed, giving him 937 yards and seven touchdowns. Way to go Roethlisberger!

Student Development Series

A Student Development Series, facilitated by Kay King, Venango Campus counselor, will take place between November and April this year. The development series will be held from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Campus Activities Board room, 228 Montgomery Hall. All meetings will be held on Tuesdays, and student may attend all of the series meetings or just one if they prefer. The dates of the development series follow.

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For more information, please contact Kay King at ext. 1281, or stop by her office, 234 Montgomery Hall, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CLEP Testing

CLEP testing is still being offered to students as a way of receiving credit for what they already know. The next CLEP test dates are on December 12 and February 18. Each test is held on campus at 8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. on a Friday.

For more information, contact Hope Lineman at ext. 1273, or at 215 Frame Hall.

Punk/Rock Bands Signal Home, Reasons for Leaving and Finster to Play at Clarion

The University Activities Board will hold a punk/rock concert in the Gemmell Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesday, October 27. The concert will take place from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. and is free to all students and guests.

Signal Home is a local punk/progressive rock band from Meadville, Pa. This four-piece band consists of Fred Oakman, guitar/vocals; Troy Messerall, guitar; Brandon Vargo, drums; and Paul Dean, bass. Signal Home's sound is said to be compared to bands like Jawbreaker and hotwatermusic. For more information on Signal Home, check out their Website at www.signalhomemusic.com.

The second band, Reasons for Leaving, is a rock/indie/punk band from Pittsburgh, Pa. The band includes singer and guitarist M.J. Storey; Chris Stowe, also on guitar and vocals; Geoff Funk on bass guitar; and Joe Willis on drums. Reasons for Leaving recently hit the 1,000 mark for selling copies of their debut album, "The Alarum" on Next in Line Records. The band is hitting six different states, including Pennsylvania and Clarion University, on its "The Waffle House Tour." To listen to some of their music, visit reasonsforleaving.com.

The last band performing is Finster, an emo/punk/post hardcore local band from Butler, Pa. This five-member band includes Frank Skrip, vocals; Nate Collins, drums; Mike Torbett, bass; K.C. Croyle, guitar; and Joe Chase, guitar/back-up vocals. Finster is playing shows all over Western Pennsylvania. To find out more about them, visit finsterrock.com.

All students and the public should feel free to attend this free punk/rock concert at Clarion University and have some fun between studying.

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Eagle Dollars

By Jessica A. Anna

Eagle Dollars are now in use at our university. The number-one reason for having the "money" is to buy paper for printing. You can also use them at pop machines (where you can slide your card) and at university bookstores.

A minimum of \$50 is required to begin using Eagle Dollars. Any balance on the card will roll over for next semester; if you're graduating they will send you a refund check.

Most people I talked to are upset with Eagle Dollars. They feel \$50 is more than enough, even too much. Most students are only using the dollars for on-campus printing, which only costs five cents a sheet. Some students estimated they haven't even used \$5, since Eagle Dollars went into effect. The buzz on Clarion campus is that Student Services made purchasing the Eagle Dollars a \$50 minimum to avoid a lot of foot traffic in their office.

Crisis Center Staff Member on Campus

The Crisis Center, a center serving victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and violent crime, has a staff member on campus for anyone seeking their services.

Rosie Griep is on campus from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Monday in 234 Montgomery Hall. If you, or someone you know, are a victim of a violent crime, in an unhealthy relationship, or need a protection from abuse order, you should stop by on Mondays or call the Oil City office at 677-4005.

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The Early Bird Can Have the Worm

By Shawn Bennett

I woke up today to sit in on my first Student Senate meeting. Although it's true I am not a member of the student senate, that doesn't mean I can't listen to what they discuss. The only drawback is that by not being on the Senate, I am voluntarily waving my freedom of speech. I don't have anything against it, it's just that it was difficult. You, as the student body, can also sit in on a Student Senate meeting under this condition. If you have any comments or information you would like to share, feel free, but only after the meeting. The meetings are every Monday morning at 7:45 a.m. If you can keep quiet until the meeting is over, it is a great experience. You can learn what your Student Senate is discussing and give suggestions right after the meeting. A contact list of Senate members will be included in the next update. Student Senate is the best way to make changes on campus because they make a lot of important decisions. You have no room to complain if you make no effort to speak with one of your student senators.

From the Editor's Desk

By Sheena Hoover

I recently read an article in *The Derrick* dealing with the fact that Halloween is on a Sunday this year. It seems that a lot of people around the country don't want to send their children trick-or-treating on the Sabbath. They don't believe it is right to dress their children up as ghosts and goblins because it is a holy day. So, instead of enjoying the holiday with the rest of the children, some children will be celebrating it on the Saturday before Halloween, or not celebrating it at all.

Personally, I don't see the reason for all the fuss. If you looked at Halloweens of the past, you would have noticed that a lot of children aren't dressed-up as evil characters, but a lot of them have cute, cuddly, perfectly angelic costumes. Are you going to take away the "specialness" of Halloween from your daughter or son who is dressed-up as an M&M just because Halloween falls on the day of rest this year?

The LSC Changed My College Experience

By Christine Clark

I imagined college to be different than what I discovered it to be. I thought it would be the high school experience I never had because I was educated at home. Reality hit; this is hard work. I want to encourage you to get help if you need it, as I did. Don't let yourself struggle and get behind—the people in the Learning Support Center are here for you.

I couldn't have made it this far without their help and support. There's a common misconception that you only go for help if you are slow or stupid. That's not true. Some of those who are now tutors went for the help they needed and are now helping others.

Swallow your pride and get the help you need. Check out the great people at the Learning Center, your success is worth it.

The LSC is located in 318 B Montgomery Hall.



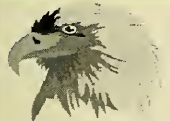
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Clarion University Cookbook

The CAB-sponsored Venango Campus Cookbook is still in need of many recipes from students, faculty, and staff. Because there has been minimal response here at Venango, CAB has decided to make this open to students in Clarion as well. The deadline has also been extended so students may submit recipes until Friday, November 5.

Those interested should send their recipes to Angel Muschweck at cmuschweck@clarion.edu or Ladona Strouse at s_llstrouse@clarion.edu. Recipes also can be dropped off at Angel's or Ladona's offices on the second floor of Montgomery Hall.

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By Jessica A. Anna

As I know all too well from Friday night, deer are on the move. Motorists are encouraged to be cautious of deer on roadways. Deer cause 1.5 million accidents a year. During mating season, mid-October to mid-December, deer are more likely to run onto roadways. Drivers always need to wear their seatbelts and use high beams when possible. Be especially cautious of deer between sunset and midnight, as well as right before sunrise. If a deer is in your path, do not slow down or swerve into the other lane—you could hit another car. Remember, deer usually travel in groups. So if you see one, there are probably more. If you hit a deer, don't approach it because they have sharp hooves. Do call the game commission or your local law enforcement if you hit a deer.

Response to 'The Early Bird Can Have the Worm'

By: Angel Muschweck

I think Shawn had only half the truth when interpreting the happenings of Student Senate Meetings. Venango Campus Student Senate meetings are open. Any student may attend. Although it is true that if you are not a senator you don't get to participate in the conversations of the meeting, it is not true that the general student body cannot be heard. If you have something you would like to address, you should contact the president or a senate member and have yourself and your concern made part of the agenda for a certain meeting. That way you can participate in that discussion all you like. So, if you have any concerns that you would like to discuss at Student Senate meetings, fire away! Get it on the agenda and then show up on a Monday morning at 7:45 to have your say!

Attention Bowlers

Just a reminder that there is bowling at Seneca Lanes on Route 257 in Seneca from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. every Monday. The fee is only \$2.50 for students to bowl for the entire two hours. So take advantage of this fun activity for students!

Student Senate Update

By: Shawn Bennett

Here is the Student Senate Agenda of some of the issues being discussed:

- ∴ Clarion Activities Notice
- ∴ Activities Sponsored by Senate
 - possibly speakers or concerts
- ∴ Student Organization Proposal Form
- ∴ Town meeting, November 8, Rhoades 1-1:30 p.m.
- ∴ Smoking Forum, November 18, Noon-2 p.m.
- ∴ Get to know the dean in Rhoades
 - Pizza with the Dean, November 9, Noon-1 p.m.
 - Holiday with the Dean, December 9 Noon-1 p.m.
 - Dinner January 5, 2005
- ∴ Common Hour

Student Senate Contact List

Here is a contact list so that you can contact your senators about any issues you would like discussed:

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Fall Billiards Tournament Reminder

The Fall Venango Campus Billiards Tournament will still take place Saturday, November 6 at 10 a.m. in Rhoades Center. Sign-up sheets for both brackets are available until November 4. Bracket pairings will be drawn at 9:30 a.m. on November 6 with both tables being used. The tournament will start at 10 a.m. for all participants. Prizes and free pizza and pop will be provided to participants.

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Touching Base

By: Brett E. Lovett

Although I feel compelled to write this, I am not sure where to start. While I was at work on October 14, I got a phone call telling me that my grandfather had passed away. My grandfather had cancer, and it had spread fast. I work in a group home and give 24-hour care to four clients about whom I care very much. My shift was not over until Sunday morning, and I made a decision that there was not much I could do at home so I stayed at work where I was really needed.

Now let me back up 18 years. My parents were divorced when I was 12. When I was around 16, I stopped talking to my father, aunts, uncles, cousins, and yes, my grandparents. Just after graduating high school, I moved to Arizona, and after being there for almost nine years by myself, I decided to move back.

After being in Pennsylvania for only several months, I found out that my grandfather had cancer. As a healing technique for myself, I decided to go to his house and see him. I was not sure what to expect, I thought maybe I would even get a door slammed in my face. To my surprise, I was welcomed into their home where we visited for an hour. I still did not feel the connection or love, but I knew I did the correct thing.

Two weeks ago I heard that my grandfather was not doing well. So, again, I went back to see him. There was not much said, but I made the effort to go and it was all a healing process for me. He died only two weeks later in his home with several family members surrounding him. The next day, which was October 15, I got a call asking me, his grandson, who had only seen him maybe four times in the past 18 years, to be a pallbearer and, of course, I accepted. On Sunday, I went to the calling for him and the next day, I helped carry my grandfather to his final resting place.

My point is this: At the calling I saw aunts, uncles, cousins and many other family members I had not seen in years. These were cousins I played with while growing up, but somehow small problems, issues, and feelings came between everyone. I have

many cousins and family members who live within 15 miles of me and I have several cousins who live in places I don't know.

Why do we, as people, get so fired up over such stupid problems and then let those problems come between everyone? I saw people I should have known but I had no idea who they were. I even saw a person there who is a professor at this very college that I had no idea was related to me.

My point is this. Every person who picks up this article and reads it, I know there is someone who came into your life and is no longer there because of something small and insignificant. Do something about it—pick up the phone, a pen, or e-mail—whatever you have to do, but let them know how you are. I know that if I did not get to see my grandfather the few times I did, I would have truly regretted it.

I'm Sorry

By: Shawn Bennett

I have heard that my article about sitting in on the Student Senate meetings has been misinterpreted. I made the senate sound like (insert a few choice words). That was a mistake on my part. The point about being able to speak was made to me with such emphasis and on several occasions before the meeting, that I felt inclined to make the same emphasis one time, but I now know that I was too sharp about it. Your senators are friendly and want the student body to be happy. So I am writing this in hopes that you will not make false judgments on your senators because of my miscommunication. I hereby declare this my last opinion piece on the Student Senate.

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From the Editor's Desk

By Sheena M. Hoover

Scheduling classes has been quite the task the last couple of times around for me. Since the classes offered in my communication major at Venango are extremely limited, I have had to start taking classes at both campuses as a last resort, and next semester isn't looking much better.

It seems I will only be taking one class at Venango because I can't even fit my business classes that I need to take on a different day than my classes at Clarion have to be. I think the main problem is that there's not enough choices at either campus. Almost all of the Communication classes at Clarion that I still need to take, which are quite a few, are only offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They're also all basically at the same times on Tuesdays and Thursdays, bringing on quite the conflict. While I understand the people doing the scheduling probably know a lot about it, I really think it would be more helpful to the students if there were more options. For example, since most of the communication classes (besides the 100-level ones) are only offered between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, it would be better to offer some of them on Mondays and Wednesdays later on in the afternoon, even if a different professor had to teach the class.

I think the other reason why it is getting so hard to schedule classes is there need to be more ITV options. I know Venango is a smaller campus and can't have as many class options as Clarion. However, when there are seven of the same class being offered at Clarion, and only one of those is an ITV at Venango on Tuesday and Thursday, it seems it would make more sense to offer at least one other one as an ITV to Venango on Monday and Wednesdays. I don't necessarily love taking ITV classes, but I don't mind taking them if I have to. It's a whole lot better than driving up to Clarion all the time.

As always, that's just my opinion and a voice of a frustrated student. I'll end up getting my classes scheduled, driving my two days clear up to Clarion and taking my one class here without too much difficulty. I just wish there would've been more options for me while I was here at Venango. Because next year, I won't be here anymore to complain. It'll be up to someone else whose clenching their teeth trying to schedule classes they need to take.

Another Response to "The Early Bird Can Have the Worm"

By: Angie Shontz, Student Senate President

As the Student Senate President, I would like to clarify some statements made in Shawn Bennett's article, "The Early Bird Can Have the Worm," that may leave readers with the wrong impression. Senate's vision and purpose is to work cooperatively with the student body to make Venango Campus an overall better place for students. As a group, we are exploring a variety of ways to be consistently accessible to students. That includes sponsoring open forums, holding office hours, and soliciting feedback and ideas from peers. Another way we try to communicate with the student body is through a weekly report in the *Venango Voice*, which is why we asked Shawn to report the Senate meetings in a weekly column. Our hope was the students who could not attend the meeting would have an opportunity to know what was being discussed.

Shawn may have misunderstood a process common to parliamentary style meetings and consequently left readers with the impression that senate is not interested in listening to student concerns. Senate is an official governance organization of the university and has to conduct the meetings according to certain rules of order. The rules of order ensure a fair process of discussion and consensual decision-making on issues. The rules also allow for the orderly flow of business in a very short period of time. At the conclusion of the meeting, general discussion can occur, and agenda items can be added to the upcoming agenda.

Senate welcomes anyone to our meetings. We hope students, faculty, and staff would be involved in the campus, and we want to represent students in the best way possible. We try our best to represent our constituency to the best of our ability. It happens best when students talk to Senators about important upcoming matters that concern our campus. I hope you will see Senate as an ever-changing body working to fit our ever-changing student body. Thank you in advance for your support of your elected Student Senate.

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Attention Nursing Students and Faculty

All pre-nursing, ASN students, BSN students, and nursing faculty should be aware that applications for The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc., (FNSNA) scholarship are now available. Applications can be downloaded from the National Student Nurses' Association by visiting www.nsna.org and clicking on the "Foundation" link. Students can also request a copy of the application by mailing a self-addressed, stamped envelope with \$0.83 postage to FNSNA, 45 Main Street, Suite 606, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

Money from this scholarship can only be used for tuition, fees, and books.

The deadline for applying for the scholarship is January 20, 2005. Direct questions to Jasmine Melendez, scholarship and grant administrator, FNSNA at 718-210-0705, ext. 118 or by e-mail to Jasmine@nsna.org.

Community Playhouse Brings 'Over the River and Through the Woods' to Venango

The Community Playhouse, Inc. is offering a free showing of Joe DiPietro's hilariously funny family comedy, "Over the River and Through the Woods," on Thursday, November 11. The play will be held in the Rhoades Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The play is about a single, Italian-American guy named Nick, from New Jersey. He sees both sets of grandparents every Sunday for dinner, which is a routine until he informs them that he's been offered a dream job as a marketing director out West. When he tells them, the news doesn't sit very well and thus begins a comical series of crazy schemes to keep Nick around. This includes bringing the lovely, and single, Caitlin O'Hare to dinner as bait!

Certain time is at 8 p.m., so students, faculty, and staff should arrive early to be seated. It should be a fun event for everyone, and it is free. So don't miss a night of comedy and drama at the campus!

Thanksgiving Feast and Music by Four Shadow

Adult Learner's Organization, Campus Activities Board, and the Learning Support Center of Venango Campus are hosting a Thanksgiving feast at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 19. The feast will take place in Rhoades Hall and will feature music by the a cappella group Four Shadow.

Provided at the dinner will be turkey, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, rolls, and drinks. Participants are required to bring one covered dish or dessert to feed 12, and a hearty appetite.

To sign up for the event, stop by the Rhoades Hall Desk, the Learning Support Center in 318B Montgomery Hall, or the Student Affairs office in 222 Montgomery Hall, by November 16 at 6 p.m.

Immediately following the Thanksgiving feast, the all vocals group, Four Shadow, will demonstrate its musical talent. The group is from Minneapolis, Minn. and performs for crowds across the nation. Four Shadow has performed at more than 150 shows a year in 40 states for audiences of all ages and musical tastes. Not only do they sing a number of original songs, but they also sing songs by favorite artists such as the Beach Boys, Paul Simon, and the Dave Matthews Band.

Four Shadow has shared the stage with Huey Lewis, the Persuasions, and Lonestar, as well as performing live on NBC's "Today" show. This group was awarded the 2003 A Cappella Group of the Year by CampusAwards.com.

Don't forget to sign-up for this fun event!

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Upcoming CD Releases

- 11/09: **Britney Spears** – Greatest Hits: My Prerogative
- 11/09: **Brian McKnight** – Gemini
- 11/09: **Elton John** – Peachtree Road
- 11/09: **Fabulous** – Real Talk
- 11/09: **Ja Rule** – R.U.L.E.
- 11/09: **NOFX** – Greatest Songs Ever Written: By Us
- 11/09: **Randy Travis** – Passing Through
- 11/09: **Vanessa Carlton** – Harmonium
- 11/14: **Eminem** – Encore
- 11/16: **Beastie Boys** – Triple Trouble
- 11/16: **Live** – Awake: The Best of Live
- 11/16: **Los Lonely Boys** – Lonely Boys
- 11/16: **Pete Dinklage** – Live from New Jersey
- 11/23: **Allure** – Chapter III
- 11/23: **Goo Goo Dolls** – Live in Buffalo
- 11/23: **Gwen Stefani** – Love, Angel, Music, Baby
- 11/23: **Sarah McLachlan** – Afterglow Live
- 11/23: **U2** – How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb
- 11/30: **Dashboard Confessional** – Vindicta
- 11/30: **Hilary Duff** – self-titled

Town House Meeting/Open Forum

Student Senate is sponsoring a Town House Meeting/Open Forum for all students, faculty and staff to meet this year's new Student Senators from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, November 8. The meeting will take place in the Rhoades Center lounge.

All interested students should attend. It is a good way for students to become involved in the decision-making process here on campus. The Student Senators are open to any ideas that you have that will make the campus better.

Remember, the Student Senate at Venango decide what money gets to be spent on—including clubs, organizations and any activities and events!

New Frame Computer Lab Open

The new computer lab is 118 Frame Hall is open for student use. Hours are:

Monday: 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

For access to the lab on Mondays and Wednesdays between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., check with the Administrative Office in Frame Hall.

The Newstead Trio

The Oil City Arts Council is presenting a performance by The Newstead Trio at 8 p.m. on November 13. The musical performance will take place at the Oil City High School Auditorium. Tickets are available at many locations around the community. For more information, call 814-678-3017.

Student Development Series Reminder

The Student Development Series facilitated by Kay King, the Venango Campus counselor, is now taking place. The development series will be held from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Campus Activities Board room, 228 Montgomery Hall. All meetings will be held on Tuesdays, and students may attend all of the series meetings or just one if they prefer. The remaining dates of the series are:

December 7—Communication is a Great Sensation!

How to make my opinion count.

February 1—Mind/Body Connection. Dealing with Stress.

March 1—Re-evaluating Values, Plans and Career Options.

April 5—Preparing for the Next Step. Am I Ready (for the Real World)?

Voices

Realizing

By Anonymous

Take a look in the mirror
tell me what you see
'cause in reality
you deceive everyone
especially yourself

at first you look
like any other person
like you know who you are
but deep down inside
I see past that
for I have encountered
your true behavior

it must be nice
to say things and not
have meant a word of it
all the encouragement
was for nothing at all
you weren't really proud
of me or my actions
you laughed behind my back
I was someone to look down upon
and that's just what you did

You took my sorrows
and brought them out
only to toss away again
only this time I have
more pain and hatred
than before

Someday you will realize
that I will not die
someone who was
unheard of and unappreciated
you will learn
and the day will come
when you come runnin' to me
you shall cry in my eyes
and face your dreams
like I faced mine
and when they are shut down
right in front of your face
only then will you know
the pain you caused me

Voting in my First Presidential Election

By Jessica A. Anna

November 2, 2004

Today I am going to vote in my first presidential election. I have voted in local and state elections in the past. I already know what candidate I am voting for.

I think no matter what candidate you are voting for, it is just important that you vote. We are all old enough now to know that issues the candidates talk about do and will affect us. This election is especially important because of military issues, college funding issues, abortion, and many others.

I hope the excitement over voting in the presidential election makes people realize how important voting is. I hope it encourages more people to vote in local elections, because those are just as important as a presidential election.

Young people need to stay knowledgeable and get involved in politics.

Now, I'm going to walk to the local voting booth, and cast my vote in my first presidential election.

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Submitting to the *Voice*

Any faculty, staff, or student wishing to submit to the *Voice* is encouraged to do so. Submissions ranging from opinion pieces to original artwork, poetry, and prose may be submitted via e-mail to thevenangovoice@yahoo.com in the form of a Word document attachment, or may be dropped off at the *Venango Voice* office located at 226 Montgomery Hall. Submissions will be accepted until 3 p.m. on Tuesdays for the following week's issue. Please keep this in mind when submitting time-sensitive pieces.

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You Should Be You, No Matter How Big the Paycheck

By: Shawn Bennett

I noticed something the other day while I was at work. I am not only paid to make food and help clean up the place, but I am also being paid to be nothing else other than that.

One day I was being trained to take and serve drive-thru orders. In doing so, I started to panic and tried to relax and tried to be more like myself. It worked. I was feeling okay and was talking on the phone, and despite the fact that I was I did the job successfully. As a particular car drove away, I noticed that I said to him, "Have a good evening, dude." Afterward, my boss told me how "unprofessional" it was of me to say that.

Since when is making burgers a profession? I mean, since when did I forfeit my self for my "rent/grocery money"? 'Cause that is all my job is to me. I would like to hear your opinions. E-mail me at s_sabennett@clarion.edu or write an article for the

From the Editor's Desk

By Sheena M. Hoover

In response to the last article, "You Should Be You, No Matter How Big the Paycheck," I really started thinking about most of my shopping trips of the past few years. Ever since I worked at the Bon-Ton in Cranberry as my first real job, I can't help but be offended by the sales associates at other stores. The thing is, when I worked at Bon-Ton, I worked my butt off—I was polite, hard-working, and yes, professional. This is despite the fact that I worked for low wages and only received one raise (if that's what you can call it!) in the two years I worked there.

The point is, it doesn't matter how much money you're making. I don't care if you work for minimum wage or \$30 dollars an hour, if you want to get anywhere in this world, you have to be professional about it.

Anyway, back to what I was saying about other stores. During my time working in a department store, and ever since, I've been disgusted by the way I've been treated at almost every store I've shopped at. When I was shopping at the Bon-Ton in Butler a couple years ago, two teenage sales associates were working in the junior's department. While my sister and I tried on clothes, the workers were wearing merchandise that was for sale on the floor—yes, that's what I said, they had ink tags on them! The one girl

was talking on the phone, and despite the fact that I was waiting to ask her a question, she proceeded until she was done with her conversation to acknowledge me. For the half hour I was in the store, the workers never did any work even though the place was a mess, and they never said a polite word to either of us. The thing is, I worked a lot harder than they did at their jobs and got paid the exact same. However, if I had behaved the way they did, I would definitely have been fired. So, my point is that it doesn't matter what kind of job you are working. How you act to people reflects your company, so you better believe professionalism is important. If customers don't think you act professionally, then they might think your company doesn't know what it's doing either.

I think it's fair to say that your actions on the job reflect your importance to the company. If you don't believe professionalism is important at a job even as "low" as Burger King, then don't plan on being hired anywhere better anytime soon. You have to know how to act like a professional to become one.

Lastly, if being yourself is what you're worried about, there are plenty of ways to be yourself at work without compromising professionalism. However, I'm sure there are plenty of hours out of the day when you're not working that you can be yourself and call people "dude" as much as you like. I just think if I was your customer and you called me "dude," I would probably not just drive away. I would make sure to put in a complaint to your manager. It's not just about professionalism, it's also about respect. If you can't respect me as your customer, then why should I respect you when you're my customer?

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Senate Proposes the Development of a Campus Smoking Policy

By: Angie Shontz, Student Senate President

Student Senate is looking into the development of a smoking policy that would be effective at Venango Campus. Many students have voiced concerns about the location of smoking areas on campus and have questioned whether there should be designated areas, a non-smoking policy, or no policy at all. In order to address all concerns and solicit suggestions from the campus community, Senate is holding an open forum on November 18 at 12 p.m. in Rhoades Auditorium.

Senate is planning to use the democratic process to make the decision. It wants to be able to have as much feedback as possible to best represent the entire student body. If you are concerned with the policy, bring your suggestions and concerns to the forum.

There are two very valid sides to the issue. There are those who smoke who believe they have the right to smoke outside wherever they choose. They also wish to be respectful to non-smokers but without a clear policy, it can become difficult. Non-smokers become upset when entranceways to buildings are occupied by students who are smoking. They believe it may pose health concerns and that walking through the smoke creates an uncomfortable environment. They also believe there is no escape from the second-hand smoke because entranceways are often crowded.

The issue has quickly become a controversial one on campus. Student Senate, along with campus faculty and staff want to resolve this issue to come to an agreeable consensus. Please make sure you attend the forum and contribute your thoughts and suggestions. If you are unable to attend, you can contact me, the Senate president, with your suggestions at s_acshontz@clarion.edu. Thank you for your continued support in making this campus a place that values personal growth, fosters academic excellence and celebrates diversity and harmony through hard work and effort.

Join Ski Club

Venango campus's Ski Club is getting ready to gear up for their winter ski trips. Any students that are interested in joining the ski club and participating in downhill skiing at area ski resorts such as Peek N' Peak and Holiday Valley should contact Dr. Lott at dlott@clarion.edu or by phone at ext. 1219.

The dates for the winter ski trips are all on Saturdays and are subject to change depending on the weather. The tentative dates are December 4, January 22, February 5, February 26 and March 19.

Members of the ski club who are interested in cross-country skiing also may participate in these events and use equipment provided by the Clarion Campus' Ski Club. More information on cross-country skiing can also be obtained by contacting Dr. David Lott.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be no *Venango Voice* next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The *Venango Voice* staff hope that you have a fun and safe Thanksgiving!

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Suhr Library Hours over Thanksgiving Break

The following list is of the hours that Suhr Library will be open over Thanksgiving Break.

11/22-11/23: 8 a.m.—9 p.m.

11/24: 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

11/25-11/28: CLOSED

Library hours will return to normal beginning on Monday, November 29.

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Attention ASN and BSN Nursing Students

If you are a permanent resident of Allegheny, Washington, or Westmoreland County, and will be enrolled in the final year of your undergraduate nursing program (ASN or BSN) in academic year 2005-2006, you may be eligible to apply for the Mary Agnes Powers Scholarship Fund and the SW PA Registered Nurse Club Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the Nursing Office, Montgomery Hall, Venango Campus, Oil City or in the Clarion University Nursing Office at West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh. For more information, contact Sally Bowser, Assistant Executive Dean, Venango Campus at sbowser@clarion.edu.

Assault on Fallujah

By: Jessica A. Anna

The United States military has begun an assault on Fallujah, an insurgent stronghold. Early on November 5, United States planes dropped leaflets over the city urging women and children to leave. Air strikes then began in the central city market and neighborhoods north, south and east of the city. The attacks were stronger than they have been in the past.

In the western districts of Fallujah, U.S. forces seized the main city hospital and two key bridges over the Euphrates River on November 8. They used 40 mm cannon fire from an AC-130 gunship to help in the attack. Artillery fire could be seen in the southern neighborhoods, as well as airbursts on the rooftops. Around 10,000 American soldiers and marines have been prepared for the assault.

Liquid Dinner

By: Jessica A. Anna

Jones Soda Company is rolling out a specially-flavored five-pack of soda for Thanksgiving. The flavors include: Turkey and gravy, fruitcake, green bean casserole and Mashed potato.

The Seattle-based soda company brought back the liquid diet because of how well it did last year. Packages will be sold for between \$14.95 and \$16.95 and will benefit Toys for Tots. Would you buy it?

Voices

No Regrets

By Anonymous

18 years have passed me by
what has happened stays back
for its time to move on now
living in the past gets you nowhere
no regrets, just consequences
that fill my life full of hatred and rage
why does it always have to happen to me

nothing good ever happens
at least when you want it to
I see her crying out
for a friend she never had
who would have thought
those special times we had together
would lead to nothing but rejection
does it mean that your time was wasted
or is that bond even stronger

all those times we had
alone, sitting together
wondering about nothing
just enjoying each other
they really meant nothing
nothing good came out of it
but still I have
no regrets, just consequences

it's not always good
to see people together
the bond is broken
between us two
betrayed and forgotten
but I still have
no regrets, just consequences

what angers us the most
is the pain inside us
trapped in until
we finally let it out
and when it comes out
fists shall fly
rage and fury emit
friendship is lost
the bond has been broken
no regrets, just consequences

a new day has come
it's time to move on
I see a new person
just as beautiful as the last one
she is the beauty who is
not able to recognize
the beauty of my own
try as I might
I do not succeed
but still I have
no regrets, just consequences

maybe someday I
will be able to triumph
over my colleagues and enemies alike
and finally they will realize
the consequences of coming
face to face with someone
who has
NO REGRETS

In Response to "From the Editor's Desk" Regarding Professionalism

By: Shawn Bennett

It seemed to me that your perspective is black and white. There is such a level that is both respectful and yet not professional. Those other clerks weren't just being unprofessional, they were also disrespectful. You associate the two as if they are the one in the same. Let me give another example. I was working in the drive-thru again and a customer asked if they could have a minute to decide. When asked this, I am supposed to say, "Order when you're ready." Instead, I said, "Take your time." I was not yelled at, but I was asked, "What were you supposed to say?"

Is that something that you would write a complaint about to my boss? I used the word "dude" for two reasons. Number one, it is just a part of my vocabulary, and number two, it was honest to myself to refer to the person as I would in life. I would apologize immediately if someone was offended by it. But to tell the truth, I stop in my tracks and cringe when someone calls me Mr. or Sir. It gives me the willies to think about it. What gives you the willies? Email me @ s_sabennett@clarion.edu or write an article for the *Voice* in response.

Voices

Happy Birthday

By: Shawn Bennett

I have a birthday that is coming up, and yet I am saddened by it. My birthdays the past couple of years were not happy ones. I am not asking anyone to go out and buy me a new toy or anything. I just would feel happy if someone just wished me a happy birthday. It would make me feel like I am appreciated.

I think everyone would like to have someone wish them a happy birthday (there are some exceptions). It feels like it is defeating the purpose to tell someone to wish you a happy birthday. That is why I don't wish to disclose when my birthday is because then I would sound like I am asking anyone who reads this to wish me a happy birthday. I just wish that I could have an enjoyable, easy and fun birthday this year. For those of you who wish that someone appreciated them, if you know me, know that I do appreciate you. I have yet to meet someone that I did not appreciate, no matter what they have done to me. If I don't know you, don't be afraid to introduce yourself. I usually have on headphones that you can't miss.

In Response to "Happy Birthday"

By: Sheena Hoover

First of all, I would like to wish Shawn a happy birthday, whether it be early or belated at this time. I'm not sure when his birthday is.

Second, I know what it's like to not have a very good birthday. Mine haven't been the greatest for the past three years. However, I realized after the first one that it doesn't really matter how the exact day goes. It doesn't matter how many presents you get or how special people treat you on that specific day. Even if the people closest to you don't come up with some amazing way to show you they care, just hearing them wish you a happy birthday is enough to brighten anyone's day. Even if that specific day doesn't go perfect, it's appreciating the simple, little things that is the most important.



Poor Attendance for Pete Schmidt and Other Campus Events

On Friday, November 5, CAB sponsored a concert with singer/songwriter Pete Schmidt. Very few students attended, which is too bad because Pete put on a wonderful performance! For more information on Schmidt, or to preview his music, check out his Website at www.peteschmidtmusic.com.

There has not been much attendance at really any of the campus events lately that are held for the students. The events are put on specially for students and are mostly paid for by your activities fee that is part of your tuition. Many of the events are also open to faculty, staff and guests of students.

It's important for students to attend these if they would like events to continue to be put on. The events around campus are an important way for students to interact with other students and create or reinforce relationships. They are also a way to take a break from work or to fill your spare time with a little excitement.

If the activities being offered are not ones that you are interested in, then it's important for you to have your opinions heard by the Student Senate and the Campus Activities Board members. You might even consider joining either of these groups in order to have your input heard and make a change on campus. Student participation is important in making this campus enjoyable for everyone while you're getting a college degree. After all, this is *your* college experience, so please help make it the best it can be.

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Thanksgiving Feast and Concert was a Success!

Those who attended the ALO, CAB, and LSC-sponsored Thanksgiving feast and Four Shadow concert on November 19 were part of a full house. Everyone must have really liked turkey because this event had many participants and was a lot of fun for students and their families.



The event started a little after 6 p.m. with everyone taking turns picking between turkey, stuffing, gravy, noodles, potatoes, rolls, casseroles, fruit, vegetables, and many choices of desserts. At the end of dinner, there was a raffle. At 8 p.m., the all-vocal group, "Four Shadow," dazzled the crowd in the auditorium.

A four-person group from Minneapolis, "Four Shadow" was a crowd-pleaser singing songs from all different eras in their "trip through time." They also played a few originals and got the crowd involved by inviting three volunteers to sing with them on stage. One of them, Darlene Hartman, did a great job! The show was a lot of fun for people of all ages, as it was entertaining to witness vocal talent without instruments. It was difficult to tell they weren't using instruments except that there weren't any on the stage. "Four Shadow" truly put on a great show and were the perfect ending to a great night at the campus. They even stuck around to sign autographs afterward.

Thanks to Darlene Hartman, the LSC helpers, ALO, CAB, "Four Shadow" and everyone else who helped out for putting on such a nice evening for everyone and their families.

If you missed the show and would like to find out more about the a cappella group, "Four Shadow," you can visit their Website at www.fourshadow.com.

YMCA Younger Days Child Care Center

The Oil City YMCA is now operating a child care center in Montgomery Hall. The hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays. Full-time, part-time, and hourly rates are available.

The center can accommodate infants as young as six weeks of age and children through age 12. The new center also offers preschool and after school programs. Breakfast, morning, and afternoon snacks are provided.

YMCA child care is affordable, but those who can not afford it are given financial assistance when possible. Additional assistance may be available through Child Care Information Services at 437-1906. Advance registration is required to use the center.

For more information, please visit the center or call Laura Ongley at the YMCA Younger Days Center at 676-6591, extension 1299.

Psychology of Women Posters to be Displayed on Campus

From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, December 6, students from PSY340 Psychology of Women will be displaying posters of their research in Rhoades Auditorium. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to stop by and see the results of their work, especially if you were a research participant! Refreshments will be served during the event. Please don't forget to stop by and compliment the students on their hard work and accomplishments in this class.

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Nursing Club Sponsored Blood Pressure Screening

By: Bonnie Sharrar, Nursing Club Treasurer

The Nursing Club of Venango Campus sponsored a blood pressure screening on November 11 in the Montgomery Hall main lobby as part of a health awareness opportunity. Seven students in both their first and second year of the School of Nursing shared the responsibilities and participated as screeners from 1 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thank you to the two faculty members who helped by overseeing the screening, Liz Stephenson and Angela West. Kudos to all of the 42 people who took the time out of their very busy schedules to have the nursing club students take their blood pressures. You all helped to reaffirm students of their abilities to perform this task well. Surprisingly, the faculty had some of the best readings. Many students, on the other hand, showed signs of abnormal blood pressure readings according to guidelines used and posted by the American Heart Association.

What does that mean? I won't go there. I will, however, remind all of you who are reading this article to have your blood pressure checked regularly, record the readings, and keep a diary of them.

Did you know that the average normal heart beats 60 to 80 times a minute and has an output of about five liters per minute? This is a fact taken from *Brunner and Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing*. Also, according to the American Heart Association, if your blood pressure is outside the normal ranges of 120 systolic and 80 diastolic, you should be rechecked in one to three months. Some areas that can influence your health are regular check-ups, diet, weight, smoking, stress, exercise, and medications. Be mindful of these areas and work on regulating each of them for your maximum health. Keep up the healthy work!



Join Ski Club!

dlott@clarion.edu

Upcoming Campus Events

Funny T-Shirts

- ▽ Thursday, December 2 from Noon to 6 p.m.
- ▽ Montgomery Hall, second floor
- ▽ Get a picture of you on a t-shirt!
- ▽ Sponsored by CAB

Children's Craft Day

- ▽ Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- ▽ Crafts, refreshments, and good times
- ▽ Sign-up in Student Services by December 2
- ▽ Sponsored by ALO and PSEA

Winter Dinner Dance

- ▽ Friday, December 10, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- ▽ Wanango Country Club
- ▽ \$7 for students and guests
- ▽ \$15 for faculty/staff and guests
- ▽ Tickets may be purchased at the bookstore
- ▽ Sponsored by CAB

Don't miss out on these fun events at the campus!

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Voices

Demise of a Friendship

By Anonymous

In life no one is who they seem
all fake and not for real
you think you know who this is
but I am someone else
just like you I see
what happens to him daily
and the rage he has inside

'cause you see
I have the same rage
inside of me
and you are the one
the problem and the cure

it must be nice to pick
whatever is needed at the time
and to blow off
everyone else around you
you say that you love me
what a fake saying that was
you left me alone
without a friend
no one cared less for me
than you at that point

Rage and fury build up inside
only feeling sorry for myself
I do not want your sympathy
cause you really don't care

the cure you say
it's way to late
the damage is done
you never realize what
it's like to have the life
I'm living now
For if you did
you would see
life isn't that bad
when you have all you wanted
and waste what you
could have had

this is truly the
demise of a friendship

Audio Appreciation

By: Shawn Bennett

I have a, for lack of a better word, belief that I feel everyone should have some consideration. Not toward me but to the "belief." The belief is the concept of appreciating music. Music is to be felt, not listened to. That is what lyrics are for and, even then, feel the music first. I am a novice musician, but I listen to the sounds made by other composers. I get certain feelings while listening to certain music. For example, songs that are written by people with a sad story make me cry. But only certain songs. For some reason, when I hear a song that just happens to be related to a sad story, it does not have the same potency as a song based on a sad story that actually happened to the composer. I listen to worship songs, and they give me goosebumps because of how much faith the singers have in the belief of Jesus.

However, I am not telling anyone to listen to any religious songs. I just want to say that anyone can really feel the message of a song if they listen to the words and feel the music. Nobody does this nowadays or at least not many people, it seems. There are definitely not as many as there should be. I feel that people should appreciate music and sounds more than they do. A lot of people like certain music because it is heavy or loud or something. That is only half of it.

Listen to the words and understand the message they try to portray. A good example of a type of music that not many people take into consideration when talking about meaning is "boy bands." Most of their songs are about love or someone they love. Let me ask this, how many of their songs are they singing about a particular person that they honestly know? I am sure it's not very many. I don't have any proof, but it's obvious they are just writing (if they actually write them and don't have someone else do it for them) these songs like ninth grade love poems.

Here is something I can speak for. I have yet to see any of them compose any of the music in any way, whether they play an instrument or mix the tracks or anything. I believe that you need to at least write the "emotion." If they don't write the music, then either the emotion of the music is someone else's or artificial. In the words of a popular San Demas, Calif. rock group from the late '80s, "That is most non-triumphant." Tell me what you appreciate at s_sabennett@clarion.edu or submit to *The Voice*.

Voices

CD Review: Eminem's "Encore"

By: Sheena M. Hoover

Eminem does it again? Well, not quite. The fourth album by 32-year-old Marshall Mathers was released on November 14 and had fans awaiting the CD long before its arrival. But were all the hardcore Eminem fans happy with the results?

"Encore" features 20 tracks including three skits and a bonus CD with three songs on it. Eminem is joined by friends 50 Cent, Nate Dogg, Obie Trice, Stat Quo, and members of D-12 on four of the songs on the record. However, most of the songs don't feature the normal sound Eminem fans may have been expecting from the rapper. Quite a few of the songs seem to be mostly sick and funny rhymes instead of rhymes with substance and the usual rage.

The first five songs on the album basically contain the same Eminem sound we've gotten used to by now. The first song on the album, *Evil Deeds*, is another song dissing his mother and is quite funny; however, it lacks the usual angst. In the second song, *Never Enough*, Eminem even thanks his mother for raising him because he says that his past has made him what he is today.

Yellow Brick Road addresses the "racist mixtape" that turned up not too long ago. In the song, Eminem states "people say they heard the tape and it ain't that bad, but it was, I singled out a whole race, and for that I apologize, I was wrong." Eminem explains the song was actually about a black girl that he dated and who dumped him. In the song, he wrote when he was 16, he advised listeners to "never date a black girl." *Yellow Brick Road* also confronts people who don't think Eminem, being white, belongs in the rap music genre.

The fourth song, *Like Toy Soldiers*, addresses the issue with Ja Rule and Benzino. Eminem explains that it wasn't a big deal until Ja brought his daughter's name into one of his songs. *Like Toy Soldiers* seems to go back and forth between anger against them and calling a truce with them. The song's beat is a relevant military drumbeat.

Mosh and *Puke* voice Eminem's hate for Bush and his ex-wife, Kim. *My 1st Single*, *Rain Man*, and *Big Weenie* are all practically pointless songs. *** *Like That*, *One Shot 2 Shot*, and *Encore* are also disappointing, but a little better. However, if you listen to every single lyric in each song, you'll catch at least one or two good points. *Just Lose It* is funny and has gained the normal popularity of any of Eminem's first singles off of each album.

Spend Some Time is a good song about men falling for the first woman who comes along and finding out it's a mistake. The song's lyrics pretty much sum this up in the chorus by saying, "I never thought I'd find. someone to be mine, Lord knows I was right, 'cause you just crossed the line."

Mockingbird is an apology to Em's daughter and his niece in which he says how he's tried to shelter them the best he can and that everything is going to be alright.

Crazy in Love is a song about being insanely in love with someone even while going back and forth between fighting and being in love. It features pieces of Heart's classic, *Crazy on You*. A key line in the song is: "You are the Kim to my Marshall, you're the Slim to my Shady, the Dre to my Eminem, the Alaina to my Hailie."

The bonus CD features three songs: *We as Americans*, *Love You More*, and *Ricky Ticky Toc*. *Love You More*, in my opinion, is the best song on the bonus CD, if not on the entire *Encore* album. The meaning is about the same as *Crazy in Love*. The lyrics include this line that is the basis of the song: "The more you put me through, the more it makes me wanna come back to you. You say you hate me, I just love you more."

As a whole, the album is quite a long album. Even for those who aren't Eminem fans or who are disappointed with this album, it's at least worth a listen or two to see who he's dissing now. The CD features lines against his ex-wife, his mom, Michael Jackson, Christopher Reeves, President Bush, Jessica Simpson and her Chicken of the Sea, R. Kelly, Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie, Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake, O.J., Ja Rule, Benzino, and the list goes on. However, Eminem compliments Jessica Simpson, Mary Kate and Ashley Olson, and Hilary Duff in *** *Like That*.

While some fans of Eminem may be a little disappointed with this album, I haven't heard too much complaining about it. What the album lacks in quality in some of the songs, it makes up for in quantity. "Encore" as a whole is not the masterpiece that we are used to from Eminem, but it isn't a flop either.

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Celebrate the Holidays on Campus

The Venango Campus Student Senate invites you to join in a celebration of the December holidays--Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas on December 7, 8, and 9.

Each program will be held at noon in the Rhoades Center and will offer entertainment, free food, and lots of fun. It is a great way to take a study break, learn about different cultural celebrations, and meet new people.

On Tuesday, December 7, there will be a presentation on the history, rituals, and meaning of Hanukkah. The event includes an interactive presentation and an opportunity to sample traditional Jewish foods including matzo ball soup and potato latkes.

On Wednesday, December 8, Elie Kihonia, from Pittsburgh's Afrika Yetu (www.afrikayetu.org) will present, a Kwanzaa ceremony. Following the ceremony the Wacongo Dance Company, an ensemble of master drummers, musicians, and dancers, will perform ancestral songs and traditional dances of Central Africa. Faculty, staff, and students will have an opportunity to try their hand at Central African traditional, neo-traditional, and contemporary African drum and dance. Ham-and-bean soup and Benne cakes will be served.

On Thursday, December 9, join Dr. Chris Reber and the Student Senate for an afternoon of decorating gingerbread and sugar cookies and enjoying a performance by the Oil City High School Women's Ensemble which will present traditional and contemporary Christmas carols. Cookies and a variety of beverages will be served.

Don't miss out on these fun celebrations to get you into the holiday spirit!



2005-2006 Academic Year Student Housing Applications Now Available

Applications for student housing are now being accepted for the 2005-2006 academic year. Students interested in leasing an apartment can obtain an application from 222 Montgomery Hall. Applications are also available on the Internet at www.clarion.edu/academic/venango/housing.shtml.

For Spring 2005, 10- and 12-installment leases are available at a rate of \$490 in 10 installments, and \$440 in 12 installments. These costs include all utilities, appliances, basic cable, local telephone, and high speed Internet access. Each apartment has four furnished single bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, dining area, two bathrooms, and a laundry area.

Applications for 2005-2006 are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, so interested students should complete and submit an application as soon as possible. Any students interested in Spring 2005 occupancy, or students with questions about the apartments should contact Emily Aubele at ext. 1269, or stop by 222 Montgomery Hall.

Winter Dinner Dance Reminder

Don't forget to pick up tickets to the Winter Dinner Dance on Friday, December 10, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The campus dance will be held at the Wanango Country Club which is located on Fourth Street in Reno. Tickets are \$7 for students and guests and \$15 for faculty/staff and guests. Tickets may be purchased at the bookstore.

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Ethics Essay Contest for 2005

The division of Philosophy is announcing its annual Ethics Essay contest. Essays are not due until April 15, 2005, for the Clarion University Ethics Essay Contest. The purpose of the contest is to draw attention to ethical issues and questions and to encourage students to examine the topics in a thoughtful manner.

The contest is open to all enrolled full-time and part-time undergraduate students of Clarion University. The essay must be well developed and completed in a minimum of five double-spaced pages with a 12-point font and one-inch margins.

The financial support for the Ethics Essay Contest has been provided by supporters of the competition. The awards for this year's contest are \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place.

Entries must be submitted by Friday, April 15, 2005, to the Division of Philosophy PSSP department office in 313 Founder's Hall at the Clarion Campus.

The contest requires submitted essays to be written in the general style of an argumentative essay. They must clearly focus on a moral issue or question related to the theme and include support for any moral and factual claims that are made. The theme for the contest is The Ethics of War. The following topics might be explored: Is war ethical? Can any war be religiously justified? Can any war be morally justified? Is an offensive war ever morally justified? What weapons are a legitimate means of self-defense? Nuclear weapons? Biological weapons? Chemical weapons? Guns; automatic, handguns, single-action rifles? Torture? Why is it important to discuss the tactics of war? To avoid immoral actions? To prevent abuse of people? To avoid destroying the environment?

For general assistance in writing the essay, students may use the Learning Support Center on the third floor of Montgomery Hall, talk with other students or ask their professors to comment on drafts of the essay.

Students must be enrolled as an undergraduate student at Clarion University. Essays must be in English and be the original, unpublished work of the author. Revisions of papers originally written for classes are acceptable.

To be eligible for a prize, there must be some original ideas in your essay. Essays will be judged by the Essay Contest Committee using the following criteria: 1) Essay clearly focuses on a moral question or issue. 2) Essay provides support for the moral beliefs or principles used to make ethical assertions. 3) Author uses arguments, analogies, and concrete examples in support of controversial assertions. 4) Author uses language effectively and observes the conventions of standard written English.

Psychology Club Giving Tree

Psychology Club is sponsoring a Giving Tree to provide holiday gifts for a local family of four who is in need. If you would like to help, stop by Rhoades Center and choose a tag from the tree.

All you have to do is buy the "need" or "want" listed on the tag, and bring the gift to Frame Office. Psychology Club will deliver the gifts to Community Services of Venango County and they will see that they are given to the family.

The deadline for the delivery of gifts to the Frame Hall office is Wednesday, December 15.

Please help those who are in need this year and help spread the holiday spirit by contributing.

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Deep Thoughts Poem—Why

By: Anonymous

You think you are beautiful
I can see it in your eyes
you think that you are special
and just because you may have
the look that everyone loves
you are nothing special
in my eyes

I can see you conscious
breathing down your throat
you want to be the best
and for a minute you were
but now I can see
You are just like me
just another face in
this ruthless world of mine
you are just like me
time will tell our fate
and in the darkness
when life demises

that is when I
will flourish the most
and you will finally hear
the story that I've told
and you will finally see
the glory you have lost

he only tried to be
his own humanity
but you did not accept him
for what he was
his mind is deep
with thoughts and courage
twisted and confused
you give into his game
at last he has you
bowing down on your knees
praying not to end
your life as you know it

it's over now
because you acted
upon your wants and no other
maybe if you would have seen
the fury, anger and rage
that builds up inside
everyone of us

that you deny the chance
to be with you
even for a brief second
before your life demised

thank you for nothing
your cold heart felt no pain
maybe someday I alone
will break the chain
that binds me to
your dead lifeless corpse
and only then will I
truly be free
from the body that
kept me back
all that time
just keep asking yourself
WHY?

Movie Review: Alexander

By: Sheena Hoover

Alexander is a movie about one of the most powerful rulers of all time: Alexander the Great (Colin Farrell). In the movie, he was taught by his mother, Olympias (Angelina Jolie), and his great teacher, Aristotle, to be strong and that he would someday be remembered as one of the great leaders in history.

The movie tells of Alexander's rise to power, his victories over Persia and more of the known ancient world than any other military leader, and his fall from greatness. His passion for exploration and conquering more land was his greatest fault, but he could only follow his dream.

While Alexander the Great was always one of my historical favorites, that alone does not make this movie a masterpiece. Neither does the length, which is just a few minutes short of three hours. I was excited to see this movie because the previews lead you to believe that it's one of those deep "love and war" movies. However, Alexander doesn't necessarily find love, except with his male friends, and the war lasts far too long. The movie ended up being a little boring for my taste, but it did tell a lot about history. I just found myself thinking that it seemed a little too much like a movie we would be forced to watch in a history class in high school, not a movie I wanted to pay to go and sit through.

Holiday

Top 10 Holiday Songs

Want to get into the Christmas spirit? Start with a few Christmas songs...

1. "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth"
by *Spike Jones and his City Slickers*
2. "Green Christmas" by *Stan Freberg*
3. "The Chipmunk Song" by *The Chipmunks*
4. "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer"
by *Elmo and Patsy*
5. "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" by *Thomas P. Connor*
6. "All I Want for Christmas is You" by *Mariah Carey*
7. "Christmas Carol" by *Tom Lehrer*
8. "Santa Baby" by *Eartha Kitt*
9. "I Yust Go Nut at Christmas" by *Yogi Bоргesson*
10. "Jingle Bells" by *The Singing Dogs*

Top 10 Holiday Movies

1. A Christmas Carol
2. A Christmas Story
3. Miracle on 34th Street
4. It's a Wonderful Life
5. White Christmas
6. Christmas in Connecticut
7. One Magic Christmas
8. The Santa Clause
9. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
10. Santa Claus Conquers the Martians

Top 10 Gifts for Him

1. Cologne
2. Wallet
3. Watch
4. Hats
5. Sport or Concert Tickets
6. Power Tools
7. DVDs
8. Christmas or Regular Ties
9. Hunting Goods
10. Sportswear

Top Ten Gifts for Her

1. Clothing
2. Candles
3. Gift Certificates
4. Jewelry
5. Perfume
6. Lingerie
7. Purse
8. Lotions (Bath and Body Works) or Massage
9. Spa Certificate
10. VACATION

Top Ten Gifts for Kids

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| 1. Guitars | 6. DVDs |
| 2. Tonka toys | 7. Action Figures |
| 3. Hot Wheels | 8. Stuffed Animals |
| 4. Clothes | 9. Barbie Dolls |
| 5. CDs | 10. Karaoke Machine |

Top Ten Gifts for Mom

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| 1. Sweaters | 6. Gloves |
| 2. Slippers | 7. Jewelry Box |
| 3. Gift Baskets | 8. Kitchenware |
| 4. Handbags | 9. Antiques |
| 5. Scarves | 10. Foot Massager |

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Happy Holidays!



From the *Venango Voice* Staff!

We hope you have a great break and we'll see you next semester!

The *Voice* Wants YOU!

The *Venango Voice* is looking for students who are interested in writing for the campus newspaper on a weekly basis as part of the staff for the Spring 2005 Semester. Students should have strong writing and communication skills, including general knowledge of spelling and grammar. Responsibilities include two articles per week with a minimum of 150 words each with topics covering campus and local events, as well as opinion articles, and the minimum of one hour per week in the *Voice* office doing proofreading, typing articles, etc. This is a great opportunity to add to your resume or an easy way for communication majors to fulfill their writing co-curricular activity.

Direct all inquiries to 226 Montgomery Hall, or by e-mail to thevenangovoice@yahoo.com.

The *Voice* is always accepting miscellaneous pieces of work from students, including poetry, prose, artwork, and opinion articles. Please do not hesitate to exercise your freedom of speech and submit your articles to be published at the above e-mail address.

Yearbook Committee Information

The staff of the Clarion University–Venango Campus yearbook committee is extending an invitation to anyone who may be interested in joining our staff or lending a helping hand. If you want to join or need more information, you may contact Angie Weber at samweber@clarion.edu, Peggy Lee at s_pelee@clarion.edu, or the yearbook advisor, Ellen Foster, at efoster@clarion.edu.

Also, anyone who is graduating this semester or next spring, please e-mail Angie a photo of yourself or drop by Room 222 to have your photo taken next Monday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon; or Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may also contact Angie at 814-673-5368 to make an appointment to have one taken. If the yearbook staff does not have your picture, your name will appear without one.

More information about the yearbook will be available next semester.

Dear Lucy Column to Premiere Next Semester

Starting next semester, the *Venango Voice* will be partnering with The Crisis Center in Oil City to bring you a column dedicated strictly to questions about relationships students may have. This column will take the title of "Dear Lucy" and a box will be placed in Suhr library for students to submit anonymous questions to be answered in the *Voice*.



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Our mission is to publish an interesting and entertaining paper that supports, encourages, and inspires readers. We also hope to enhance the academic experience by offering insight and inspiring debate on the educational process, campus events, and life in general. We hope to encourage reader participation because the *Venango Voice* is, and will continue to be, the voice of the students of Venango Campus.

From the Editor's Desk

Now that it's actually the end of the semester, I almost—ALMOST—feel sad that it's coming to an end. It's been a really long semester for me, and it seems to have been that way to a lot of people I've talked to. In reality, I don't feel sad it's ending at all; I can't wait until Thursday at 4 o'clock when I'm completely finished with everything that has to do with college until January 10.

Why was this semester so much longer than any other semester? It seems the professors never ceased to surprise me this time around. What with a 75-point total for the semester in one class that I didn't learn anything in, to a group assignment just assigned last week, it's been quite the semester between my classes here and at Clarion. In fact, one of my professors even helped all the students left in the room at the end of the test with the answers. Not me, though, I flunked that one.

I guess, my point is, while I've had some fun times and learned a lot (in *some* of my classes), I really question my sanity when I think that next semester may be the same, or, even worse. I guess all I can do is hope for the best and concentrate on enjoying the fun part that college brings to my life. For one, I can't wait to go skiing with Ski Club, or to keep editing this newspaper and hopefully bringing on some new and different writers next semester.

I guess it hasn't been *that* bad of a semester. I did work my butt off in a couple of classes, and it has ended up paying off for me. I even learned a little about the economy, which is something I never really cared much to know about.

While it hasn't been that horrible of a time, I am so ready for a break. I just hope I can make the best of the time off before we have to come back!

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Psychology Club Giving Tree Reminder

Psychology Club is sponsoring a Giving Tree to provide holiday gifts for a local family of four who is in need. If you would like to help, stop by Rhoades Center and choose a tag from the tree.

Then buy the "need" or "want" listed on the tag, and bring the gift to Frame Office. Psychology Club will deliver the gifts to Community Services of Venango County and they will see that they are given to the family.

The deadline for the delivery of gifts to the Frame Hall office is December 15.

Please help those who are in need this year and help spread the holiday spirit by contributing to the Psych Club's giving tree.

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Submitting to the Voice

Any faculty, staff or student wishing to submit to the *Voice* is encouraged to do so. Submissions ranging from opinion pieces to original artwork, poetry and prose may be submitted via e-mail to thevenango-voice@yahoo.com in the form of a Word document attachment, or may be dropped off at the *Venango Voice* office located at 226 Montgomery Hall. Submissions will be accepted until 1 p.m. on Tuesdays for the following week's issue. Please keep this in mind when submitting time-sensitive pieces.





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